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STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

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Section 1.—Population and Vital Statistics. AREA AND POPULATION.

State or Territory.	Area— Square Miles.	Population (Excluding full-blood Aborigines).						Capital Cities, Census, 30th June, 1947 (Final Count).
		Census—30th June, 1947 (Final Count).			Estimated—30th September, 1949.			
		Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	
N.S.W. . .	309,433	1,492,211	1,492,627	2,984,838	1,574,988	1,564,163	3,139,151	1,484,004
Victoria . .	87,884	1,013,867	1,040,834	2,054,701	1,065,656	1,086,630	2,152,286	1,226,409
Q'land . .	670,500	567,471	538,944	1,106,415	591,696	564,316	1,156,012	402,030
S. Aust. . .	380,070	320,031	326,042	646,073	338,072	340,200	678,272	382,454
W. Aust. . .	975,920	258,076	244,404	502,480	277,768	262,505	540,273	272,528
Tasmania . .	26,215	129,244	127,834	257,078	139,795	132,938	272,733	76,534
N. Terr. . .	523,620	7,378	3,490	10,868	8,925	5,219	14,144	2,538
A.C.T. . .	939	9,092	7,813	16,905	10,719	9,073	19,792	15,156
Australia	2,974,581	3,797,370	3,781,988	7,579,358	4,007,619	3,965,044	7,972,663	3,861,653

ESTIMATED POPULATION, EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINES.(a)

31st Dec.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Nor. Terr.	A. C. T.	Australia.
1901	1,375,455	1,209,900	506,721	359,330	193,601	175,233	4,673	..	3,824,913
1911	1,699,376	1,339,893	623,123	419,392	293,923	192,925	3,233	61,921	4,573,786
1921	2,131,690	1,550,727	765,724	501,742	336,548	218,676	3,759	2,078	5,510,944
1931	2,566,314	1,803,570	929,726	577,079	433,686	228,464	4,846	8,921	6,552,606
1938c	2,737,191	1,871,099	1,005,523	595,842	466,684	242,119	5,730	11,721	6,935,909
1940c	2,790,948	1,914,918	1,031,452	599,056	474,076	244,002	8,974	14,160	7,077,586
1945c	2,932,998	2,015,107	1,084,864	630,882	490,088	250,280	10,546	15,432	7,430,197
1946c	2,962,392	2,039,769	1,096,831	640,418	496,973	254,570	10,642	16,386	7,517,981
1947	3,007,582	2,061,689	1,110,821	653,065	508,881	268,515	10,991	17,084	7,638,628
1948	3,062,344	2,106,315	1,132,565	665,927	522,330	275,142	12,494	17,763	7,794,880

(a) Adjusted in accordance with Census results. (b) Prior to 1911, part of New South Wales.
(c) Revised in accordance with the final results of the 1947 Census. (d) More reliable estimate is at 30th June, 1948 (18,778 persons).

ESTIMATED MEAN POPULATION, EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINES.

Year.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Nor. Terr.	A. C. T.	Australia.
Year ended 30th June.									
1939a	2,735,400	1,872,287	1,008,207	595,131	466,896	237,637	5,932	11,965	6,933,455
1946a	2,932,366	2,015,197	1,084,125	630,921	489,982	250,309	10,537	15,431	7,428,868
1947a	2,963,056	2,039,348	1,097,303	640,352	497,006	254,553	10,676	16,381	7,518,675
1948	3,006,481	2,069,167	1,112,722	652,285	508,860	261,781	11,310	17,596	7,640,202
1949	3,063,973	2,113,286	1,134,738	665,139	522,184	268,259	12,847	18,434	7,798,860
Year ended 31st December.									
1938a	2,722,378	1,865,251	1,001,996	593,242	463,808	236,328	5,804	11,534	6,900,341
1945a	2,917,415	2,006,649	1,076,610	627,102	487,510	244,590	10,512	15,012	7,389,406
1946a	2,945,220	2,025,475	1,090,238	635,127	492,771	252,192	10,568	15,883	7,467,474
1947a	2,985,073	2,053,648	1,105,360	646,294	502,978	257,781	10,891	16,903	7,578,928
1948	3,029,573	2,089,999	1,123,416	658,239	514,843	264,604	12,188	18,172	7,711,034

(a) Revised in accordance with the final results of the 1947 Census.

NOTE.—The population estimates from 1939 until the Census of 30th June, 1947, include surviving members of the fighting forces according to the State in which they resided prior to their enlistment, and irrespective of whether they were within Australia or overseas, but exclude members of Allied Services, prisoners of war and internees from overseas. As from 30th June, 1947, the population figures include defence personnel in Australia according to their actual location and are exclusive of members of the forces overseas.

POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS.

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES.

State or Territory.	Births.			Deaths.			Marriages.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	
QUARTER ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1949.							
New South Wales	9,260	9,007	18,267	4,886	3,656	8,542	6,121
Victoria	6,120	5,825	11,945	3,650	3,057	6,707	4,129
Queensland .. .	3,691	3,499	7,190	1,711	1,249	2,960	2,271
South Australia ..	2,250	2,213	4,463	1,059	865	1,924	1,335
Western Australia	1,709	1,691	3,400	789	561	1,350	1,019
Tasmania	1,006	876	1,882	374	319	693	506
Northern Territory	29	35	64	16	..	16	33
Australian Capital Territory ..	115	79	194	20	7	27	36
Australia ..	24,180	23,225	47,405	12,505	9,714	22,219	15,450

NINE MONTHS ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1949.

New South Wales	26,415	25,223	51,638	12,736	9,674	22,410	21,009
Victoria ..	17,703	16,836	34,539	9,045	7,793	16,838	14,425
Queensland ..	10,854	10,245	21,099	4,613	3,209	7,822	7,565
South Australia ..	5,805	5,526	11,331	2,546	2,228	4,774	4,597
Western Australia	5,044	4,936	9,980	2,140	1,473	3,613	3,609
Tasmania ..	2,643	2,564	5,207	959	842	1,801	1,744
Northern Territory	135	129	264	55	13	68	87
Australian Capital Territory ..	334	256	590	52	24	76	140
Australia ..	68,933	65,715	134,648	32,146	25,256	57,402	53,176

State or Territory.	1938.	1946.	1947.	1948.	Nine months ended 30th September.	
					1948.	1949.

BIRTHS—NUMBER.

New South Wales ..	47,319	67,247	69,398	67,234	50,700	51,638
Victoria ..	30,344	46,693	47,366	46,099	34,086	34,539
Queensland ..	18,992	27,024	28,358	27,858	21,264	21,099
South Australia ..	9,410	15,813	16,317	15,870	11,324	11,331
Western Australia ..	9,141	12,105	12,874	12,931	9,650	9,980
Tasmania ..	4,907	6,847	7,140	6,979	5,214	5,207
Northern Territory ..	102	132	276	280	217	264
Australian Capital Territory ..	200	518	655	725	524	590
Australia ..	120,415	176,379	182,384	177,976	132,979	134,648

Births, Deaths and Marriages—continued.

State or Territory.	1938.	1946.	1947.	1948.	Nine Months ended 30th September.	
					1948.	1949.
BIRTH-RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.						
New South Wales ..	(a) 17.38	(a) 22.83	(a) 23.25	22.19	(b) 22.34	(b) 22.11
Victoria ..	16.27	23.05	23.06	22.06	21.74	21.53
Queensland ..	18.95	24.79	25.65	24.80	25.15	24.45
South Australia ..	15.86	24.90	25.25	24.11	22.95	22.45
Western Australia ..	19.71	24.57	25.60	25.12	24.97	24.98
Tasmania ..	20.76	27.15	27.70	26.38	26.50	25.77
Northern Territory ..	17.57	12.49	25.34	22.97	23.22	25.51
Australian Capital Territory ..	17.34	32.61	38.75	39.90	37.21	40.69
Australia ..	17.45	23.62	24.06	23.08	23.00	22.69

(a) Based on population figures revised in accordance with the final results of the 1947 Census.

(b) Equivalent annual rates.

DEATHS (a)—NUMBER.

New South Wales ..	26,105	28,579	28,449	30,403	23,635	22,410
Victoria ..	18,955	21,534	21,442	21,825	16,407	16,838
Queensland ..	9,201	10,648	10,116	10,462	8,082	7,822
South Australia ..	5,539	6,461	6,215	6,748	5,018	4,774
Western Australia ..	4,234	4,753	4,723	4,685	3,579	3,613
Tasmania ..	2,288	2,549	2,363	2,528	1,942	1,801
Northern Territory ..	69	55	65	73	46	68
Australian Capital Territory ..	60	82	95	115	88	76
Australia ..	66,451	74,661	73,468	76,839	58,797	57,402

(a) Excludes, for the period September, 1939, to June, 1947, deaths of defence personnel and of internees and prisoners of war from overseas.

DEATH-RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.

New South Wales ..	(a) 9.59	(a) 9.70	(a) 9.53	10.04	(b) 10.42	(b) 9.60
Victoria ..	10.16	10.63	10.44	10.44	10.46	10.50
Queensland ..	9.18	9.77	9.15	9.31	9.56	9.06
South Australia ..	9.34	10.17	9.62	10.25	10.17	9.46
Western Australia ..	9.13	9.65	9.39	9.10	9.26	9.04
Tasmania ..	9.68	10.11	9.17	9.55	9.87	8.91
Northern Territory ..	11.89	5.20	5.97	5.99	4.92	6.57
Australian Capital Territory ..	5.20	5.16	5.62	6.32	6.25	5.24
Australia ..	9.63	10.00	9.69	9.96	10.17	9.67

(a) Based on population figures revised in accordance with the final results of the 1947 Census.

(b) Equivalent annual rates.

MARRIAGES—NUMBER.

New South Wales ..	24,579	31,684	30,172	30,164	22,085	21,009
Victoria ..	17,113	21,405	20,437	20,035	14,555	14,425
Queensland ..	8,853	11,666	10,999	10,125	7,494	7,565
South Australia ..	5,489	6,700	6,668	6,704	4,922	4,597
Western Australia ..	4,153	5,171	5,282	5,186	3,785	3,609
Tasmania ..	2,082	2,650	2,584	2,428	1,801	1,741
Northern Territory ..	67	63	124	110	79	87
Australian Capital Territory ..	75	157	191	150	103	140
Australia ..	62,411	79,496	76,457	74,902	54,864	53,176

POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS.
Births, Deaths and Marriages—continued.

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES—continued.

State or Territory.	1938.	1946.	1947.	1948.	Nine Months ended 30th September.	
					1948.	1949.
MARRIAGE-RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.						
	(a)	(a)	(a)		(b)	(b)
New South Wales ..	9.03	10.76	10.11	9.96	9.73	9.00
Victoria ..	9.17	10.57	9.95	9.59	9.28	8.99
Queensland ..	8.84	10.70	9.95	9.01	8.86	8.77
South Australia ..	9.25	10.55	10.32	10.18	10.05	9.11
Western Australia ..	8.95	10.49	10.50	10.07	9.79	9.03
Tasmania ..	8.81	10.51	10.02	9.18	9.15	8.63
Northern Territory..	11.54	5.96	11.39	9.03	8.46	8.41
Australian Capital Territory ..	6.50	9.88	11.30	8.25	7.31	9.66
Australia ..	9.04	10.65	10.09	9.71	9.49	8.96

(a) Based on population figures revised in accordance with the final results of the 1947 Census.
(b) Equivalent annual rates.

DEATHS OF CHILDREN UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE.

New South Wales ..	1,980	2,032	2,069	2,037	1,558	1,383
Victoria ..	1,038	1,268	1,245	1,103	813	779
Queensland ..	784	791	874	779	606	547
South Australia ..	287	428	396	472	335	324
Western Australia ..	309	376	398	331	254	256
Tasmania ..	195	207	195	193	140	129
Northern Territory..	6	4	12	10	6	6
Australian Capital Territory ..	8	10	13	17	15	10
Australia ..	4,607	5,116	5,202	4,942	3,727	3,434

INFANTILE MORTALITY—RATE PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS.

New South Wales ..	41.84	30.22	29.81	30.30	30.73	27.03
Victoria ..	34.21	27.16	26.23	23.93	23.85	22.55
Queensland ..	41.28	29.27	30.82	27.96	28.50	25.93
South Australia ..	30.50	27.07	24.27	29.74	29.58	28.59
Western Australia ..	33.80	31.06	30.92	25.60	26.32	25.64
Tasmania ..	39.74	30.23	27.31	27.65	26.85	24.77
Northern Territory..	58.82	30.30	43.48	35.71	27.65	22.73
Australian Capital Territory ..	40.00	19.31	19.85	23.45	28.63	16.95
Australia ..	38.26	29.01	28.52	27.77	28.03	25.60

MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA.(a)

Figures to 30th June, 1933, have been adjusted in accordance with the results of the 1933 Census. Figures from 1st July, 1933 are as recorded.

Period.	Total Arrivals.			Total Departures.			Excess of Arrivals over Departures.
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	
1921-25 ..	289,695	188,357	478,052	172,236	122,550	294,786	183,266
1926-30 ..	266,593	203,887	470,480	193,336	147,437	340,773	129,707
1931-35 ..	124,207	115,116	239,323	134,883	115,326	250,209	- 10,886
1936-40 ..	161,774	159,538	321,312	140,901	137,283	278,184	43,128
1941-45 ..	35,422	28,503	63,925	30,097	26,019	56,116	7,809
1938 ..	39,910	38,018	77,928	34,206	34,585	68,791	9,137
1944 ..	4,454	3,043	7,497	5,389	4,291	9,680	- 2,183
1945 ..	8,881	6,495	15,376	8,764	9,241	18,005	- 2,629
1946 ..	17,782	17,108	34,890	23,081	26,957	50,038	- 15,148
1947 ..	39,865	27,903	67,768	31,289	25,868	57,157	10,611
1948 ..	66,321	49,402	115,723	33,797	26,811	60,608	55,115
1948 (nine months)	46,081	33,866	79,947	26,248	20,534	46,782	33,165
1949 (nine months)	93,000	70,236	163,236	32,219	30,480	62,699	100,537

(a) Excludes troop movements September, 1939 to June, 1947.
NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes excess of departures over arrivals.

MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA(a)—continued.

Permanent New Arrivals and Australian Residents Departing Permanently
Classified according to Nationality and Racial Origin.

Nationality and Racial Origin.	Permanent New Arrivals.			Australian Residents Departing Permanently.		
	Quarter ended September, 1949.	Nine months ended September—		Quarter ended September, 1949.	Nine months ended September—	
		1948.	1949.		1948.	1949.
British	14,962	30,914	51,963	4,337	11,282	13,416
Foreign—						
American (U.S.) ..	230	13,699	731	100	2,481	261
Austrian	89		563	9		17
Chinese	125		369	30		151
Czechoslovak ..	1,289		2,306	..		2
Dutch	216		1,195	18		63
Estonian	895		2,532	..		..
French	142		343	9		51
German	394		1,312	6		17
Greek	446		1,294	15		39
Hungarian	1,897		3,156	..		1
Italian	2,973		7,222	22		96
Latvian	3,197		8,148	..		1
Lithuanian	1,552		4,847	3		3
Polish	6,330		17,538	12		55
Russian	279		5,648	8		15
Ukrainian	1,928		(c)	..		(c)
Yugoslav	2,066		4,654	1		54
Other	1,370		3,079	78		188
Total	40,380	44,613	116,900	4,648	13,763	14,430

NATIONALITY.(b)

RACIAL ORIGIN.

European	40,123	43,589	116,034	4,588	13,137	14,172
Asiatic	255	1,019	844	53	618	246
African .. ..	..	1	1	1	..	2
Polynesian	2	4	21	6	8	10
Total	40,380	44,613	116,900	4,648	13,763	14,430

(a) Except in the case of Australian troops and dependants, who are classified as temporary migrants irrespective of period of proposed stay in Australia or abroad and are therefore excluded from the table above, permanent migration refers to persons intending residence for a year or more—in Australia in the case of arrivals and abroad in the case of departures.

(b) A detailed classification of migrants according to "Nationality" was commenced for the first time in July, 1948. Corresponding particulars for previous periods are available only for "British" and total "Alien" nationalities as shown above.

(c) Included under "Russian". Separate figures for Ukrainians are available only as from July, 1949.

MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA(a)—continued.

Permanent Arrivals and Departures classified according to the Country of Last Permanent Residence or Country of Future Permanent Residence.

Country of Last Permanent Residence of Arrivals and Country of Future Permanent Residence of Departures.(b)	Quarter ended September, 1949.	Nine months ended September—		Quarter ended September, 1949.	Nine months ended September—	
		1948.	1949.		1948.	1949.
	Permanent New Arrivals.			Australian Residents Departing Permanently.		
British—						
Great Britain	11,818	22,164	41,269	2,307	4,341	6,868
Canada	102	259	359	100	416	278
Cyprus	245	264	762	5	6	5
India, Ceylon and Pakistan	347	2,513	1,129	63	204	253
Malta	531	839	2,095	10	46	27
New Guinea	59	89	198	362	1,442	1,075
New Zealand	713	1,985	2,465	448	1,439	1,559
Papua	32	33	118	400	401	1,103
Union of South Africa ..	92	193	284	66	318	202
Other	603	2,254	1,869	284	1,327	1,135
Total, British Countries	14,542	30,593	50,548	4,045	9,940	12,505
Foreign—						
Austria	(c)2,588	(c) 84	(c)5,163	3	10	5
France	413	424	1,017	29	98	86
Germany	c16,438	(c)5,748	c36,977	10	40	17
Greece	360	899	1,087	30	84	64
Italy	3,169	1,096	7,665	88	345	360
Netherlands	189	336	1,090	13	90	39
Poland	247	383	2,475	1	2	1
Yugoslavia	74	69	640	1	912	90
Other European(d) ..	1,176	1,109	5,472	85	292	192
China	144	478	1,152	38	437	154
Netherland East Indies ..	63	204	180	15	135	75
Egypt	378	633	1,361	3	17	19
United States of America ..	338	1,784	1,102	203	1,035	558
Polynesian Islands ..	10	135	82	18	167	92
Other	251	638	889	66	159	173
Total, Foreign Countries	25,838	14,020	66,352	603	3,823	1,925
GRAND TOTAL ..	40,380	44,613	116,900	4,648	13,763	14,430

(a) See note (a) on p. 7. (b) Except in the case of Australian troops and their dependants, who are included throughout under "Australia" (see following table) both as regards country of future permanent residence and country of last permanent residence, "permanent" residence means residence of a year or more. (c) Mainly displaced European persons. (d) Includes unspecified European countries.

MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA(*a*)—continued.

Temporary Arrivals and Departures classified according to the Country of Last Permanent Residence or Country of Future Permanent Residence.

Country of Last Permanent Residence of Arrivals and Country of Future Permanent Residence of Departures.(b)	Quarter ended September, 1949.	Nine months ended September—		Quarter ended September, 1949.	Nine months ended September—	
		1948.	1949.		1948.	1949.
	Australian Residents Returning and Temporary Visitors Arriving.			Australian Residents Departing Temporarily and Temporary Visitors Departing.		
Australia.. ..	5,443	17,828	19,743	4,111	15,724	19,536
Other British—						
Great Britain	1,459	3,341	4,851	2,114	2,872	5,973
Canada	83	169	253	105	256	366
India, Ceylon and Pakistan	248	749	858	158	515	640
New Guinea	412	852	1,147	231	816	871
New Zealand	3,299	6,703	11,653	4,158	7,550	13,525
Papua	260	858	925	211	361	700
Union of South Africa ..	59	171	288	114	265	324
Other	684	1,945	2,724	720	1,840	2,528
Total. Other British Countries	6,504	14,788	22,699	7,811	14,475	24,927
Foreign—						
France.. ..	33	82	128	37	65	124
Germany	25	25	59	12	2	29
Greece	6	5	13	14	4	23
Italy	13	39	99	23	19	97
Netherlands	12	54	149	20	79	52
Yugoslavia	22	11	23	20	1	23
Other European	96	145	251	67	103	163
China	177	340	492	174	422	472
Netherlands East Indies ..	47	77	186	55	171	245
Egypt	32	43	68	23	33	54
United States of America	335	1,174	1,173	432	1,382	1,412
Polynesian Islands	167	436	931	194	392	917
Other	78	287	322	58	147	195
Total Foreign Countries	1,043	2,718	3,894	1,129	2,820	3,806
GRAND TOTAL ..	12,990	35,334	46,336	13,051	33,019	48,269

(a) See note (a) on p. 7. (b) Except in the case of Australian troops and their dependants, who are included under "Australia" both as regards country of future permanent residence and country of last permanent residence, "permanent" residence means residence of a year or more.

Section II.—Production. PRINCIPAL CROPS—AUSTRALIA.

AREA OF CROPS.
(Acres.)

Season.	Grain.			Hay.	Sugar-cane.	Total Area of Crops.
	Wheat.	Oats.	Maize.			
1938-39 ..	14,346,380	1,784,205	324,146	3,250,260	368,592	23,497,780
1944-45 ..	8,463,151	2,034,480	256,955	2,408,683	325,978	17,471,853
1945-46 ..	11,425,384	1,949,047	235,729	2,757,236	336,960	20,426,473
1946-47 ..	13,179,550	1,728,008	259,738	2,005,758	324,393	21,076,585
1947-48 ..	13,880,296	2,105,234	222,748	1,970,187	344,914	22,271,532
1948-49(a) ..	12,583,483	1,769,759	182,290	1,579,511	383,501	20,635,065

(a) Subject to revision.

TOTAL PRODUCTION.

Season.	Grain.			Hay.	Sugar-cane.	Cane Sugar.
	Wheat.	Oats.	Maize.			
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1938-39 ..	155,368,621	15,554,735	7,056,642	3,321,161	5,678,894	820,086
1944-45 ..	52,879,802	8,969,697	6,462,987	1,993,518	4,598,318	669,943
1945-46 ..	142,409,556	25,774,113	5,729,252	3,492,975	4,718,040	665,881
1946-47 ..	117,262,132	15,565,559	5,807,632	2,357,186	4,026,935	551,854
1947-48 ..	220,116,317	40,696,992	6,168,342	3,007,758	4,418,247	605,254
1948-49(a) ..	190,702,613	23,602,000	5,199,000	2,291,000	6,708,000	948,864

(a) Subject to revision.

WHEAT FOR GRAIN : AREA, PRODUCTION, AND AVERAGE YIELD.

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
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AREA.
(Acres.)

1938-39 ..	4,650,872	2,748,862	442,017	3,030,401	3,412,818	9,849	2,061	14,346,380
1945-46 ..	3,773,901	3,251,393	392,502	2,165,004	1,835,780	4,982	1,822	11,425,384
1946-47 ..	4,474,894	3,501,135	247,998	2,518,943	2,425,780	7,539	3,258	13,179,550
1947-48 ..	5,043,017	3,227,162	462,239	2,374,873	2,763,446	7,776	4,783	13,880,296
1948-49(a) ..	4,038,447	2,995,705	607,750	2,063,034	2,867,517	6,837	4,163	12,583,483
1949-50(a) ..	4,021,000	3,000,000	670,000	1,825,000	3,000,000	8,000	5,000	12,529,000

PRODUCTION.
(Bushels.)

1938-39 ..	59,898,000	18,104,369	8,583,736	31,674,418	36,843,600	205,263	59,235	155,368,621
1945-46 ..	62,520,000	29,633,760	8,187,687	21,033,841	20,929,000	66,637	38,631	142,409,556
1946-47 ..	15,682,230	48,970,908	704,835	27,906,001	23,800,000	139,235	58,923	117,262,132
1947-48 ..	95,226,795	46,962,385	10,684,563	32,524,422	34,500,000	118,207	99,945	220,116,317
1948-49(a) ..	64,703,574	49,063,560	14,317,422	26,136,346	36,250,000	155,820	75,891	190,702,613
1949-50(a) ..	83,000,000	56,000,000	11,500,000	27,700,000	38,000,000	160,000	100,000	216,460,000

AVERAGE YIELD PER ACRE.
(Bushels.)

1938-39 ..	12.88	6.59	19.42	10.28	10.79	20.84	28.74	10.83
1945-46 ..	16.57	9.11	20.86	9.72	11.40	13.38	21.20	12.46
1946-47 ..	3.50	13.99	2.84	11.08	9.81	18.47	18.09	8.90
1947-48 ..	18.88	14.55	23.11	13.69	12.50	15.20	20.90	15.86
1948-49(a) ..	16.02	16.38	23.56	12.67	12.64	22.69	18.23	15.15
1949-50(a) ..	20.64	18.67	17.16	15.18	12.67	20.00	20.00	17.28

(a) Subject to revision.

Principal Crops—Australia—continued.

TOTAL AREA OF WHEAT GROWN FOR ALL PURPOSES.
(ACRES.)

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
1938-39..	5,222,529	3,032,509	498,984	3,344,264	3,613,342	13,694	2,358	15,727,680
1945-46..	4,213,431	3,365,558	489,269	2,407,253	1,963,138	11,082	2,366	12,452,097
1946-47..	4,772,978	3,566,489	301,971	2,662,150	2,555,323	12,749	3,849	13,875,509
1947-48..	5,355,169	3,279,182	513,984	2,486,505	2,865,326	11,909	5,266	14,517,341
1948-49(a)	4,242,969	3,033,395	660,875	2,159,218	2,961,409	10,173	4,566	13,072,605
1949-50(a)	4,206,000	3,050,000	(b)	1,925,000	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Not yet available.

NUMBER OF PRINCIPAL LIVE STOCK.

Mar.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	N. Terr. (a)	A.C.T.	Australia.
HORSES.									
1939	531,355	343,828	(a)444,521	(a)195,834	(a)143,674	(a)30,458	33,191	1,195	1,724,056
1945b	436,443	253,782	380,670	133,003	96,528	25,885	31,803	1,091	1,359,205
1946b	403,645	232,473	367,357	115,949	88,180	24,863	31,883	1,048	1,265,398
1947b	379,774	227,164	343,172	109,274	80,746	23,925	30,019	1,101	1,195,175
1948b	376,043	221,454	335,581	100,619	74,537	23,125	32,318	973	1,164,650
1949b	357,764	213,090	324,707	94,071	68,521	22,207	33,197	943	1,114,500

CATTLE.

1939	2,811,884	1,697,295	a 6,097,089	(a)318,897	(a)767,680	(a)262,407	899,472	7,057	12,861,781
1945b	3,144,701	1,903,110	6,623,112	391,323	852,563	224,668	984,370	9,320	14,133,167
1946b	3,116,834	1,827,087	6,542,210	374,096	833,567	216,306	960,039	7,867	13,878,006
1947b	2,983,093	2,060,061	5,945,285	423,980	811,949	220,119	972,990	9,169	13,426,646
1948b	3,129,740	2,174,203	5,975,460	445,287	815,610	244,107	991,429	8,748	13,784,584
1949b	3,252,752	2,224,543	5,991,797	461,086	864,131	266,419	1,052,811	10,071	14,123,610

SHEEP.

1939c	48,876,663	17,007,352	23,158,569	9,936,586	9,177,531	2,625,690	29,901	245,540	111,057,832
1945b	46,662,000	16,457,101	21,292,120	8,473,939	10,049,587	2,156,071	29,269	250,778	105,370,865
1946b	44,076,000	14,655,277	18,943,762	7,786,588	9,765,983	1,925,604	18,561	224,680	96,396,405
1947b	43,105,000	16,598,490	16,084,340	7,958,619	9,787,002	1,933,332	28,005	227,994	95,722,782
1948b	46,065,000	17,931,173	16,742,629	9,055,237	10,443,798	2,036,528	19,058	215,227	102,558,650
1949b	50,404,000	19,170,312	16,498,957	9,365,713	10,872,540	2,160,009	25,791	238,110	108,735,432

Pigs.

1939	377,344	252,462	(a) 325,326	(a) 71,292	(a) 82,922	(a) 45,317	355	573	1,155,591
1945b	523,917	296,232	438,088	160,875	163,993	46,915	146	689	1,630,855
1946b	432,612	271,887	415,411	119,986	137,872	46,915	407	619	1,425,709
1947b	358,417	290,450	340,150	134,033	101,719	47,407	208	627	1,273,011
1948b	365,171	271,492	378,102	100,343	93,180	45,149	680	566	1,254,683
1949b	375,212	223,823	407,322	71,427	80,689	36,996	384	468	1,196,321

(a) December, previous year.

(b) As at 31st March.

(c) December, previous year—

Q'land., S. Aust., W. Aust., Tas., N. Terr.

WOOL (AS IN THE GREASE) PRODUCED.

(‘000 lb.)

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust. (a)	Tasmania.	Nor. Terr. (b)	A.C.T.	Australia.
1938-39..	437,141	165,829	a 179,459	102,888	78,802	17,519	35	1,909	983,582
1944-45..	448,683	177,143	178,719	106,708	86,841	16,324	308	1,763	1,016,489
1945-46..	431,549	152,398	173,249	73,604	86,986	16,338	155	1,960	936,239
1946-47..	432,621	197,076	144,820	93,020	90,255	16,643	305	2,038	976,778
1947-48..	422,260	191,004	143,290	103,676	95,410	15,326	305	1,767	973,038
1948-49(c)	463,000	193,500	147,695	107,500	98,000	14,000	305	2,000	1,031,000

(a) For year ended previous 31st December.

(b) Estimated.

(c) Subject to revision.

PRODUCTION OF MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS.

Year.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia. (a)
WHOLE MILK FOR ALL PURPOSES. ('000 gal.)								
1938-39 ..	311,384	377,881	347,336	72,521	45,562	34,140	350	1,189,174
1944-45 ..	262,939	360,501	247,253	72,154	40,416	29,184	383	1,012,830
1945-46 ..	278,885	375,639	269,390	79,370	43,004	30,714	467	1,077,469
1946-47 ..	254,994	445,536	207,465	93,944	46,038	32,080	483	1,079,640
1947-48 ..	295,370	428,569	272,791	92,498	50,363	32,936	578	1,173,105
1948-49(b) ..	289,171	460,239	276,158	91,763	51,657	36,631	504	1,206,123

BUTTER.

(Tons.)

1938-39 ..	53,045	58,291	70,369	9,249	7,254	5,284	8	203,500
1944-45 ..	34,028	47,195	43,006	7,700	5,940	4,091	3	141,963
1945-46 ..	34,947	51,148	45,790	8,277	5,884	4,314	3	150,363
1946-47 ..	28,743	60,239	33,642	9,841	6,236	4,603	4	143,308
1947-48 ..	35,744	57,575	47,046	9,615	7,240	4,829	5	162,054
1948-49(b) ..	35,057	60,983	47,787	9,389	7,227	5,236	5	165,684

CHEESE.

(Tons.)

1938-39 ..	3,343	8,729	7,039	8,239	436	1,518	..	29,304
1944-45 ..	2,005	12,260	10,104	8,244	826	1,181	..	34,620
1945-46 ..	2,218	14,957	12,025	10,035	814	1,189	..	41,238
1946-47 ..	2,031	17,646	7,720	12,768	1,022	1,163	..	42,350
1947-48 ..	2,642	16,178	9,646	11,580	1,023	459	..	41,478
1948-49(b) ..	2,488	18,534	9,415	11,619	869	393	..	43,318

(a) Excludes Northern Territory.

(b) Subject to revision.

CONDENSED, POWDERED, ETC., MILK PRODUCTS: AUSTRALIA.

(Tons.)

Year.	Condensed Milk (Sweet- ened and Un- sweet- ened).	Concen- trated Whole Milk.	Powdered Milk.					Infants' and Invalids' Foods (includ- ing Malted Milk and Milk Sugar).	Total.
			Full Cream.		Skim.		Butter Milk and Whey.		
			Spray.	Roller.	Spray.	Roller.			
1938-39 ..	15,519	(a)1,659	10,712	(b)	(b)	(b)	(a) 556	(a)1,259	a 29,705
1944-45 ..	42,706	9,173	10,534	2,788	1,046	963	971	6,536	74,717
1945-46 ..	42,997	9,138	11,839	2,663	1,440	703	1,636	8,851	79,267
1946-47 ..	41,257	9,466	11,580	2,587	2,233	1,617	2,805	8,452	79,997
1947-48 ..	45,595	13,444	12,376	3,639	1,940	2,439	3,411	9,452	92,296
1948-49(c) ..	46,232	13,057	13,354	5,275	2,306	4,324	4,498	9,841	98,887

(a) Incomplete.
revision.

(b) Included with Powdered Milk, Full Cream, Spray.

(c) Subject to

PRODUCTION OF MEAT (BONE-IN WEIGHT).

(Tons.)

Year.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	A.C.T.	Australia.
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BEEF (including Veal).

1938-39	..	172,001	113,985	207,007	24,731	27,733	10,946	2,235	572	559,210
1944-45	..	125,896	99,287	175,327	22,957	18,159	9,182	10,000	311	461,119
1945-46	..	134,384	75,417	137,236	21,154	23,578	8,273	6,225	377	406,644
1946-47	..	139,877	95,555	190,192	24,383	26,278	8,197	2,736	543	487,761
1947-48	..	161,889	105,087	226,498	27,167	29,522	8,070	3,054	710	561,997
1948-49(a)	..	176,184	116,086	204,402	29,073	32,994	9,662	3,130	979	572,510

MUTTON.

1938-39	..	72,131	77,445	18,950	18,495	14,362	4,004	5	356	205,748
1944-45	..	90,027	86,807	29,083	27,683	16,722	6,299	36	568	257,225
1945-46	..	82,059	53,800	23,132	16,724	15,868	5,666	36	516	197,801
1946-47	..	68,609	57,922	17,411	17,264	15,763	4,994	51	556	182,570
1947-48	..	58,992	51,731	17,240	17,518	15,286	4,251	59	551	165,628
1948-49(a)	..	52,458	60,661	16,941	21,255	16,808	4,416	83	596	173,218

LAMB.

1938-39	..	28,535	58,685	1,506	15,557	7,852	2,325	..	84	114,544
1944-45	..	48,621	56,440	1,641	19,205	9,094	2,901	..	266	138,168
1945-46	..	40,219	32,815	1,781	9,265	6,302	2,243	..	236	92,861
1946-47	..	41,488	53,762	1,245	14,310	6,782	2,168	..	261	120,016
1947-48	..	43,826	56,879	1,424	15,771	8,834	2,655	..	263	129,652
1948-49(a)	..	53,535	52,886	1,716	18,133	8,252	3,111	..	264	137,897

PORK.

1938-39	..	9,617	10,769	11,844	2,037	1,092	1,623	8	43	37,033
1944-45	..	8,605	11,407	8,249	9,013	4,006	1,270	17	3	42,570
1945-46	..	6,335	9,595	9,363	4,072	4,749	986	17	3	35,120
1946-47	..	6,364	7,153	9,011	2,978	3,446	1,039	17	18	30,026
1947-48	..	6,448	7,138	7,134	2,954	2,234	1,391	23	34	27,361
1948-49(a)	..	8,081	8,600	11,120	2,264	2,817	1,264	21	42	34,209

BACON AND HAM (Cured weight).

1938-39	..	11,794	7,370	8,492	2,673	1,894	1,015	..	..	33,238
1944-45	..	20,148	12,103	13,299	4,499	5,007	1,190	..	..	56,246
1945-46	..	17,409	9,377	10,699	5,239	4,608	1,255	..	..	48,587
1946-47	..	15,880	10,998	9,983	5,069	4,638	1,150	..	..	47,668
1947-48	..	14,175	11,159	10,142	4,884	4,232	1,317	..	..	45,909
1948-49(a)	..	12,758	8,625	9,524	3,900	3,623	1,014	..	..	39,444

TOTAL IN TERMS OF FRESH MEAT.

1938-39	..	299,975	271,939	252,045	64,829	53,880	20,421	2,248	1,055	966,392
1944-45	..	303,371	272,096	234,247	85,674	55,491	21,437	10,053	1,148	983,517
1945-46	..	289,111	185,693	187,561	59,074	57,408	19,050	6,278	1,132	805,307
1946-47	..	277,887	209,149	231,435	65,829	58,577	17,962	2,804	1,378	885,201
1947-48	..	290,433	236,011	266,089	70,052	61,632	18,158	3,141	1,558	947,074
1948-49(a)	..	307,609	249,963	247,132	76,029	65,798	19,832	3,234	1,881	971,478

(a) Subject to revision.

QUANTITIES OF PRINCIPAL MINERALS PRODUCED—AUSTRALIA.

Year.	Gold.	Black Coal.	Pig-Iron. (a)	Metallic Contents of Ores and Concentrates Produced.(b)				
				Copper.	Lead.	Silver.	Tin.	Zinc.
	Fine oz.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Oz.	Tons.	Tons.
1939 ..	1,645,697	13,535,142	1,104,605	20,560	280,003	15,320,116	3,067	217,256
1945 ..	657,213	12,792,189	1,117,709	24,520	164,741	8,076,740	2,282	150,313
1946 ..	824,480	13,881,691	906,283	17,755	183,835	9,045,280	2,127	171,910
1947 ..	937,654	14,831,217	1,143,132	13,123	196,623	9,527,140	2,445	182,258
1948 ..	890,805	14,783,177	1,235,574	12,368	216,955	10,057,519	1,874	190,469
1949(c)	896,872	14,105,570	1,058,350	(d)	(d)	(d)	1,955	(d)

(a) Year ended May.
to revision.(b) Source : Australian Mines and Metals Association.
(d) Not yet available.

(c) Subject

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL MINERALS PRODUCED.(a)

(£.)

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	N. Terr.	Australia.
GOLD.								
1939 ..	848,985	1,533,899	1,428,598	38,895	11,796,085	192,596	163,414	16,002,472
1944 ..	657,163	568,305	538,176	5,662	4,899,384	174,888	57,803	6,901,381
1945 ..	461,303	661,430	676,712	2,970	5,012,225	139,573	76,811	7,031,024
1946 ..	344,497	936,262	675,164	6,760	6,640,075	165,334	105,376	8,873,468
1947 ..	539,008	911,681	777,924	6,770	7,575,574	161,986	118,563	10,091,506
1948 ..	618,434	738,092	749,565	21,912	7,156,912	138,889	163,482	9,587,286

SILVER AND LEAD.

1939 ..	3,546,440	726	1,010,856	61	32,890	291,980	..	4,882,953
1944 ..	4,068,935	1,280	14,733	309	15,807	313,618	..	4,414,682
1945 ..	4,625,665	1,622	17,783	601	22,757	259,560	..	4,927,993
1946 ..	6,999,553	2,687	836,869	224	43,860	527,937	..	8,411,130
1947 ..	10,580,658	1,910	2,866,980	1,676	48,751	829,929	..	14,329,904
1948 ..	16,668,185	2,091	3,424,396	9,862	114,268	865,920	1,407	21,086,129

COPPER.

1939 ..	105,407	..	289,927	6,612	1,373	668,561	2,248	1,074,128
1944 ..	309,900	..	1,644,747	12,115	367	633,188	1,878	2,602,195
1945 ..	305,000	..	1,600,662	11,674	364	463,294	3,811	2,284,805
1946 ..	344,682	..	648,122	..	105	716,212	6,282	1,715,405
1947 ..	290,905	..	338,508	..	6,071	1,057,825	..	1,693,309
1948 ..	377,250	..	475,548	502	2,204	881,363	7,370	1,744,237

TIN.

1939 ..	366,138	47,233	200,652	..	3,871	282,798	4,487	905,179
1944 ..	309,860	12,835	275,185	..	2,351	235,612	2,086	837,929
1945 ..	191,768	9,869	207,948	..	4,370	240,369	5,026	759,370
1946 ..	257,153	14,917	220,901	..	5,838	240,584	3,228	742,621
1947 ..	246,423	25,397	390,833	..	5,565	353,045	4,698	1,025,961
1948 ..	302,045	20,695	224,579	..	12,985	427,372	12,055	999,731

COAL (Black).

	(b)	(b)					(b)
1939 ..	7,027,035	259,814	1,167,844	..	362,811	74,460	8,891,964
1944 ..	9,761,304	407,793	1,785,621	12,117	583,076	122,673	12,672,584
1945 ..	9,451,930	494,690	1,759,311	14,508	572,896	125,719	12,419,054
1946 ..	10,534,914	392,812	1,692,272	47,411	730,104	137,736	13,535,249
1947 ..	12,101,178	299,784	2,237,738	(b) 67,777	840,249	154,725	15,701,451
1948 ..	14,938,182	347,687	2,347,065	(b) 119,732	880,236	177,652	18,810,554

ALL MINERALS.

1939 ..	12,388,618	2,248,169	4,556,962	3,320,181	12,288,532	2,056,741	244,478	37,103,681
1944 ..	17,057,661	1,602,105	4,477,087	2,926,666	5,667,467	2,220,136	126,025	34,077,207
1945 ..	16,879,131	1,830,374	4,355,127	2,309,991	5,804,238	1,934,066	176,197	33,289,124
1946 ..	20,327,962	2,079,353	4,761,403	2,776,145	7,586,707	2,855,674	166,543	40,553,787
1947 ..	26,272,321	2,206,628	5,549,109	3,209,382	8,862,277	4,224,756	229,437	53,555,910
1948 ..	36,381,386	2,349,334	9,211,588	3,260,309	8,540,950	4,366,730	291,078	64,404,375

(a) Except for gold, the values shown are those published by the Mines Departments of the several States. Gold is valued in Australian currency. (b) Excludes Brown Coal produced—Victoria, 1939, £385,952; 1944, £566,444; 1945, £641,069; 1946, £706,504; 1947, £937,429; 1948, £1,187,715. South Australia, 1947, £33; 1948, £122.

ESTIMATED NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION—AUSTRALIA.

(RECORDED INDUSTRIES.)

NOTE.—Depreciation and Maintenance Costs have not been deducted.

(£'000.)

Industry.	1938-39.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47. (a)	1947-48. (a)
Agricultural ..	41,679	82,141	72,636	104,627	98,976	205,247
Pastoral ..	63,821	108,406	98,440	86,312	130,207	193,048
Dairying ..	33,782	44,823	46,183	49,540	49,858	60,540
Poultry ..	7,302	12,727	14,800	15,129	14,706	16,745
Bee-farming ..	123	393	517	413	872	737
Total Rural ..	146,707	248,490	232,576	256,021	294,619	476,317
Trapping ..	1,422	6,684	6,207	8,554	9,380	7,303
Forestry ..	7,811	11,488	11,531	12,537	14,695	17,768
Fisheries ..	1,655	1,968	2,235	2,600	3,293	3,503
Mines and Quarries ..	27,375	27,612	26,831	26,288	32,476	42,581
Total Non-Rural ..	38,263	47,752	46,804	49,979	59,844	71,155
Total All Primary	184,970	296,242	279,380	306,000	354,463	547,472
Factories ..	203,416	366,236	362,284	352,323	410,862	489,296
Total All Industries	388,386	662,478	641,664	658,323	765,325	1,036,768

PER HEAD OF MEAN POPULATION.

(£ s. d.)

Agricultural ..	6 0 3	11 5 11	9 17 8	14 1 9	13 3 3	26 17 3
Pastoral ..	9 4 1	14 18 2	13 7 11	11 12 4	17 6 3	25 5 4
Dairying ..	4 17 5	6 3 4	6 5 8	6 13 4	6 12 7	7 18 6
Poultry ..	1 1 1	1 15 0	2 0 3	2 0 9	1 19 1	2 3 10
Bee-farming ..	0 0 4	0 1 1	0 1 5	0 1 1	0 2 4	0 1 11
Total Rural ..	21 3 2	34 3 6	31 12 11	34 9 3	39 3 6	62 6 10
Trapping ..	0 4 1	0 18 5	0 16 11	1 3 0	1 5 0	0 19 1
Forestry ..	1 2 6	1 11 7	1 11 5	1 13 9	1 19 1	2 6 6
Fisheries ..	0 4 9	0 5 5	0 6 1	0 7 0	0 8 9	0 9 2
Mines and Quarries ..	3 19 0	3 15 11	3 13 0	3 10 9	4 6 4	5 11 6
Total Non-Rural ..	5 10 4	6 11 4	6 7 5	6 14 6	7 19 2	9 6 3
Total All Primary	26 13 6	40 14 10	38 0 4	41 3 9	47 2 8	71 13 1
Factories ..	29 6 9	50 7 3	49 5 11	47 8 4	54 12 9	64 0 11
Total All Industries	56 0 3	91 2 1	87 6 3	88 12 1	101 15 5	135 14 0

(a) Subject to revision.

ESTIMATED NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION—STATE DETAILS, 1947-48. (a)
(£'000.)

Industry.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
Agricultural	67,504	48,173	22,730	39,939	22,964	3,937	205,247
Pastoral	76,622	41,314	37,614	16,335	16,815	4,348	193,048
Dairying	18,443	19,916	14,168	4,985	2,036	992	60,540
Poultry	6,956	5,976	806	1,914	375	718	16,745
Bee-farming	293	196	55	135	50	8	737
Total Rural	169,818	115,575	75,373	63,308	42,240	10,003	476,317
Trapping	2,528	3,435	202	515	197	426	7,303
Forestry	5,741	3,494	3,394	1,700	1,605	1,834	17,768
Fisheries	1,224	449	561	214	565	490	3,503
Mines and Quarries ..	22,285	2,297	4,379	3,519	5,883	4,218	42,581
Total Non-Rural ..	31,778	9,675	8,533	5,948	8,250	6,968	71,155
Total All Primary ..	201,596	125,250	83,909	69,256	50,490	16,971	547,472
Factories	218,611	158,501	42,883	38,670	18,384	12,244	489,296
Total All Industries	420,207	283,751	126,795	107,926	68,874	29,215	1,036,768

(a) Subject to revision.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—AUSTRALIA.

Year.	No. of Establishments.	Hands Employed. (a)	Salaries and Wages Paid. (b)	Value of Plant, Machinery, Land and Buildings.	Value of Materials Used.	Value of Production.	Value of Output.
	No.	No.	£	£	£	£	£
1938-39	26,941	565,106	106,743,062	274,582,541	281,303,446	203,416,610	500,419,977
1944-45	28,930	750,579	207,651,800	366,497,167	496,888,671	362,283,355	886,004,777
1945-46	31,184	745,258	205,818,733	372,484,159	488,287,428	352,323,441	867,647,517
1946-47	34,768	804,929	237,173,766	382,844,875	569,144,364	410,861,742	1,011,026,206
1947-48	37,353	848,87	285,765,24	424,832,740	683,729,000	489,293,648	1,210,119,97
1948-49(c)	40,010	890,454	338,878,000	478,419,000	854,670,000	569,660,000	1,424,330,000

(a) Average over whole year; includes working proprietors.

(b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors.

(c) Subject to revision.

(d) Includes value of power, fuel and light, &c., used.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—STATE DETAILS.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
1938-39.							
1. Factories . . . No.	9,464	9,250	3,087	2,067	2,129	944	26,941
2. Hands employed(a) . . .	228,781	201,831	54,110	43,371	23,211	13,802	565,106
3. Wages paid(b) . . . £	44,606,497	36,026,542	10,887,229	8,169,850	4,573,558	2,479,886	106,743,062
4. Value of fuel, &c., used £	7,651,627	3,999,934	1,423,549	1,017,537	1,169,268	438,006	15,699,921
5. " materials used £	120,501,795	82,971,608	42,596,049	20,308,797	9,603,657	5,321,540	281,303,446
6. " production . . . £	90,265,891	65,996,069	19,301,477	13,678,936	8,775,586	5,398,659	203,416,610
7. " output of fact's. £	218,419,313	152,967,611	63,321,07	35,005,26	19,548,511	11,158,205	500,419,977
8. " land & buildings £	57,353,625	42,026,244	12,299,081	8,710,707	6,813,653	3,717,102	130,920,414
9. " plant & mchnry. £	62,692,956	38,626,741	18,095,411	9,749,671	8,095,064	6,402,270	143,662,127

1946-47.

1. Factories . . . No.	13,961	10,949	3,367	2,707	2,615	1,169	34,768
2. Hands employed(a) . . .	343,119	265,757	71,599	70,711	33,806	19,937	804,929
3. Wages paid(b) . . . £	103,587,559	77,993,765	20,310,541	20,538,958	9,105,010	5,637,933	237,173,766
4. Value of fuel, &c., used £	13,964,552	7,835,022	2,627,507	3,620,194	2,049,489	923,336	31,020,100
5. " materials used £	245,436,182	176,106,507	62,134,914	52,015,884	20,472,010	12,978,867	569,144,364
6. " production . . . £	186,546,406	131,496,150	35,336,669	31,066,494	15,748,476	10,667,545	410,861,742
7. " output of fact's. £	445,947,141	315,437,679	100,099,090	86,702,572	38,269,975	24,569,748	1,011,026,206
8. " land & buildings £	81,894,59	62,771,491	15,391,033	18,659,534	8,756,924	5,678,205	193,151,784
9. " plant & mchnry. £	75,234,27	59,124,801	19,995,249	18,408,224	8,430,574	8,499,969	189,693,031

1947-48.

1. Factories . . . No.	15,194	11,642	3,642	2,865	2,788	1,225	37,356
2. Hands employed(a) . . .	363,365	278,271	76,754	73,346	35,967	21,173	848,876
3. Wages paid(b) . . . £	125,345,878	93,802,188	24,163,216	24,852,998	10,735,647	6,865,37	285,765,64
4. Value of fuel, &c., used £	17,313,940	9,014,905	3,184,155	4,280,739	2,284,627	1,015,353	37,093,719
5. " materials used £	292,556,789	209,896,100	79,173,835	61,620,640	24,956,972	15,524,694	683,729,030
6. " production . . . £	218,610,856	158,501,020	42,886,353	38,669,705	18,384,197	12,244,517	489,296,648
7. " output of fact's. £	528,481,585	377,412,025	125,244,343	104,571,084	45,625,796	28,784,564	1,210,119,397
8. " land & buildings £	91,860,393	66,229,391	16,608,766	20,690,827	9,482,660	6,271,365	211,143,402
9. " plant & mchnry. £	86,714,082	65,829,201	21,830,685	20,239,623	9,189,910	9,915,837	213,719,338

(a) Average over whole year; includes working proprietors.

(b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—VALUE OF PRODUCTION—AUSTRALIA.

£.

Class of Industry.	1938-39.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48.
I. Treatment of Non-metalliferous Mine and Quarry Products . .	5,146,151	5,473,040	7,656,830	9,705,764
II. Bricks, Pottery, Glass, &c. . .	5,571,757	6,065,447	8,075,879	9,355,698
III. Chemicals, Dyes, Explosives, Paints, Oils and Grease . .	12,456,370	22,581,459	24,491,943	28,640,650
IV. Industrial Metals, Machines, Implements and Conveyances . .	62,434,973	129,692,358	146,395,129	181,309,282
V. Precious Metals, Jewellery and Plate . .	931,085	1,375,856	2,208,333	2,852,022
VI. Textiles and Textile Goods . .	10,917,765	22,035,957	26,931,448	32,080,160
VII. Skins and Leather . .	3,182,881	6,850,142	8,612,097	9,273,381
VIII. Clothing . .	16,551,031	29,834,761	36,845,821	43,340,155
IX. Food, Drink and Tobacco . .	41,601,107	61,987,739	69,141,447	78,170,670
X. Woodworking and Basketware . .	9,460,742	15,590,292	19,216,284	24,492,450
XI. Furniture, Bedding, &c. . .	4,200,035	5,467,214	7,261,726	9,097,591
XII. Paper, Stationery, Printing, Book-binding, &c. . .	14,559,073	20,496,204	26,121,427	29,593,069
XIII. Rubber . .	2,761,075	4,181,676	5,549,546	6,446,148
XIV. Musical Instruments . .	136,432	206,973	347,017	401,950
XV. Miscellaneous Products . .	2,097,998	6,608,907	7,992,996	9,801,875
XVI. Heat, Light and Power . .	11,408,135	13,875,416	14,013,819	14,735,783
Total . .	203,416,610	352,323,441	410,861,742	489,296,648

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.—Percentage of Each Item of Outlay on Value of Total Output, 1947-48.
(Per cent.)

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
Wages(a) ..	23.72	24.85	19.29	23.77	23.53	23.85	23.61
Power, Fuel, &c. ..	3.28	2.39	2.54	4.09	5.01	3.53	3.07
Materials used ..	55.36	55.61	63.22	58.93	54.70	53.93	56.50
Margin for other miscellaneous expenses, charges, profits, &c. ..	17.64	17.15	14.95	13.21	16.76	18.69	16.82
Total output	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Per cent. of Wages on value of Production ..	57.34	59.18	56.34	64.27	58.40	56.07	58.40

(a) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.—Average Amount of Salaries and Wages paid per Employee.(a)
(£.)

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
1938-39—Males ..	239.24	224.47	238.59	220.95	235.49	212.09	231.84
Females	103.66	108.25	96.00	86.44	99.58	93.19	103.92
1943-44—Males ..	352.15	349.02	326.70	314.99	316.28	310.15	342.68
Females	172.07	179.55	151.65	170.59	150.14	161.57	172.62
1944-45—Males ..	342.98	336.03	324.60	305.39	311.36	301.54	333.03
Females	169.83	175.27	153.12	164.86	142.91	157.09	169.44
1945-46—Males ..	335.34	330.86	314.56	305.70	306.74	301.35	326.99
Females	172.65	179.26	155.85	156.05	142.62	159.02	171.88
1946-47—Males ..	355.02	349.29	322.54	331.31	315.15	323.62	345.18
Females	190.48	196.20	167.04	169.41	155.20	173.45	188.36
1947-48—Males ..	405.77	401.52	357.14	385.31	349.33	369.89	394.24
Females	215.16	222.98	191.38	199.25	173.38	202.32	213.99

(a) Excludes working proprietors and amounts drawn by them.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.—Average Number of Males and Females Employed over whole year, 1947-48.

Sex.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
Males ..	272,600	199,003	63,526	59,071	29,517	17,208	640,925
Females..	90,765	79,268	13,228	14,275	6,450	3,965	207,951
Masculinity(a) ..	300	251	480	414	458	434	308

(a) Number of males per 100 females.

Section III.—Building.

VALUE OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.—QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1949.

(INCLUDING ESTIMATED VALUE OF OWNER-BUILT HOUSES.)

(£'000.)

Kind of Building.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Houses—								
Brick, Brick Veneer, Concrete and Stone	3,639	3,575	460	1,270	592	320	83	9,939
Wood (Weatherboard, &c.)	909	2,583	1,969	11	52	548	17	6,089
Fibro Cement	3,033	352	273	237	417	35	40	4,387
Other	81	155	34	32	17	..	..	319
Total Houses	7,662	6,665	2,736	1,550	1,078	903	140	20,734
Flats	436	185	..	..	..	20	13	654
Shops with Dwellings	82	140	22	2	..	4	..	250
Shops without Dwellings	14	15	18	1	10	32	..	90
Hotels, Guest Houses, Boarding Houses, &c.	35	5	1	50	24	3	30	148
Factories	376	204	37	21	35	248	1	922
Other New Buildings	433	386	365	132	168	80	41	1,605
Total Other Buildings	1,376	935	443	206	237	387	85	3,669
Total New Buildings	9,038	7,600	3,179	1,756	1,315	1,290	225	24,403

VALUE (WHEN COMPLETED) OF NEW BUILDINGS.

(INCLUDING ESTIMATED VALUE OF OWNER-BUILT HOUSES.)

(£'000.)

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Aust.
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COMMENCED.

Year	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
1945-46	30,458	20,398	9,319	4,848	3,036	2,718	749	71,526
" 1946-47	36,196	26,841	12,093	5,341	4,420	3,607	2,606	91,104
" 1947-48	45,154	36,347	13,192	7,599	5,825	5,371	1,722	115,210
Quarter ended Sept., 1948	11,904	8,016	3,000	1,780	1,551	1,290	286	27,827
" " Sept., 1949	11,092	9,452	3,857	2,310	1,686	1,749	358	30,504

COMPLETED.

Year	9,305	5,471	3,320	1,682	974	627	112	21,491
1945-46	17,097	11,067	7,257	2,744	2,117	1,417	310	42,009
" 1946-47	24,305	17,891	10,390	4,080	3,328	2,279	509	62,782
" 1947-48	33,737	27,357	12,199	6,483	4,707	3,810	757	89,050
Quarter ended Sept., 1948	7,823	5,913	2,743	1,204	1,042	992	140	19,857
" " Sept., 1949	9,038	7,600	3,179	1,756	1,315	1,290	225	24,403

UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD.

Year	14,614	9,809	3,164	2,337	1,571	1,403	430	33,378
1945-46	30,041	19,279	5,337	4,774	2,872	2,759	884	65,946
" 1946-47	44,461	29,603	7,232	6,170	4,452	4,146	3,013	99,077
" 1947-48	59,172	41,607	8,479	7,735	6,416	5,872	3,956	133,237
Quarter ended Sept., 1948	49,714	33,699	7,521	6,867	5,057	4,466	3,149	110,473
" " Sept., 1949	62,320	41,696	9,090	8,547	6,826	6,413	4,246	139,138

(a) Not available.

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES COMPLETED.—QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1949.
(INCLUDING OWNER-BUILT HOUSES.)

Materials of Outer Walls.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Brick, Brick Veneer, Concrete and Stone ..	1,665	1,717	244	880	391	160	42	5,099
Wood (Weatherboard, &c.)	697	1,596	1,683	15	61	431	11	4,494
Fibro Cement	2,241	282	269	173	385	29	30	3,409
Other	54	99	33	19	17	..	..	222
Total	4,657	3,694	2,229	1,087	854	620	83	13,224

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES.
(INCLUDING OWNER-BUILT HOUSES.)

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Aust.
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COMMENCED.

Year 1945-46	12,900	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
„ 1946-47	17,720	12,959	8,925	3,269	2,405	1,642	323	47,243
„ 1947-48	19,807	14,878	9,528	3,580	3,075	2,062	393	53,323
„ 1948-49	21,291	15,487	9,361	4,561	3,843	2,849	534	57,926
Quarter ended Sept., 1948	5,810	3,848	2,281	1,032	1,015	667	91	14,744
„ „ Sept., 1949	5,198	4,481	2,575	1,159	1,078	851	85	15,427

COMPLETED.

Year 1945-46	5,596	3,666	3,385	1,332	860	479	58	15,376
„ 1946-47	12,187	7,436	7,746	2,227	1,792	1,070	149	32,607
„ 1947-48	14,858	11,846	9,204	3,009	2,771	1,544	271	43,503
„ 1948-49	17,864	14,278	9,354	3,989	3,244	2,287	323	51,339
Quarter ended Sept., 1948	4,359	3,401	2,281	800	724	545	76	12,186
„ „ Sept., 1949	4,657	3,694	2,229	1,087	854	620	83	13,224

UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD.

Year 1945-46	9,200	6,142	2,441	1,559	865	1,013	188	21,408
„ 1946-47	14,737	11,680	3,627	2,654	1,521	1,557	368	36,144
„ 1947-48	19,686	14,712	3,951	3,203	1,841	2,065	491	45,949
„ 1948-49	23,113	15,921	3,958	3,940	2,439	2,575	696	52,642
Quarter ended Sept., 1948	21,137	15,159	3,951	3,482	2,132	2,166	502	48,529
„ „ Sept., 1949	23,654	16,452	4,304	4,051	2,663	2,804	697	54,625

(a) Not available.

NUMBER OF NEW FLATS.(a)

(INDIVIDUAL FLATS.)

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Aust.
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COMMENCED.

	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
Year 1945-46	663	312	46	14	..	1,035
" 1946-47 ..	1,093	372	41	6	..	21	..	1,581
" 1947-48 ..	1,302	509	19	..	17	34	144	2,025
" 1948-49 ..	409	194	4	..	..	13	96	716
Quarter ended Sept., 1948	373	34	8	..	98	6	24	543
" " Sept., 1949								

COMPLETED.

Year 1945-46 ..	10	14	16	4	2	..	..	46
" 1946-47 ..	157	86	55	..	..	21	..	319
" 1947-48 ..	557	167	41	..	..	3	..	768
" 1948-49 ..	894	368	32	6	..	25	20	1,345
Quarter ended Sept., 1948	212	97	3	6	..	1	..	319
" " Sept., 1949	284	74	..	..	..	16	8	382

UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD.

Year 1945-46 ..	95	56	17	..	..	10	..	178
" 1946-47 ..	605	265	13	..	..	4	..	887
" 1947-48 ..	1,141	526	13	6	..	20	48	1,754
" 1948-49 ..	1,549	643	..	..	17	27	180	2,416
Quarter ended Sept., 1948	1,338	617	14	..	..	32	144	2,145
" " Sept., 1949	1,638	603	8	..	115	17	196	2,577

(a) Figures are additional to numbers of houses shown on page 20. Each flat is counted as a separate unit, and the numbers shown relate to individual flats. Only new flats are included, i.e., the conversions of old buildings into flats are omitted.

(b) Not available.

Section IV.—Shipping and Commerce.

OVERSEA SHIPPING(a).—NET TONNAGE ENTERED AND CLEARED—
AUSTRALIA.

('000.)

Year.	Tonnage Entered.			Tonnage Cleared.		
	With Cargo.	In Ballast.	Total.	With Cargo.	In Ballast.	Total.
1938-39 ..	5,964	747	6,711	5,990	845	6,835
1944-45(a) ..	3,887	597	4,484	3,587	1,062	4,649
1945-46(a) ..	4,596	667	5,263	3,976	1,454	5,430
1946-47 ..	4,486	700	5,186	4,165	1,055	5,220
1947-48 ..	4,828	1,255	6,083	4,707	1,138	5,845
1948-49 ..	6,229	1,247	7,476	5,828	1,709	7,537

(a) Excludes particulars of vessels exclusively engaged in the transport of troops, war equipment and supplies.

OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE TONNAGE OF CARGO.—Discharged and Shipped.

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NOTE.—Cargo recorded by measurement has been converted to tons measurement on the basis of 40 cubic feet = 1 ton. The figures in the measurement columns are not equivalent to those in the weight columns but are additional.

State or Territory.	Discharged.				Shipped.			
	Interstate.		Oversea.		Interstate.		Oversea.	
	Tons Weight.	Tons Measurement.	Tons Weight.	Tons Measurement.	Tons Weight.	Tons Measurement.	Tons Weight.	Tons Measurement.
1948-49 (three months).								
New South Wales ..	769	121	396	280	860	94	547	92
Victoria ..	583	40	429	216	152	50	213	135
Queensland ..	69	83	140	45	104	34	211	31
South Australia ..	359	57	145	41	604	52	284	31
Western Australia ..	68	44	221	23	10	21	165	38
Tasmania ..	110	69	31	..	127	62	25	3
Northern Territory ..	2	..	3	..	1	..	..	..
Total ..	1,960	414	1,365	605	1,858	313	1,445	330

1949-50 (three months).

New South Wales ..	348	81	551	282	486	101	348	102
Victoria ..	316	65	634	260	122	80	287	132
Queensland ..	59	76	178	66	80	30	269	32
South Australia ..	175	51	248	91	302	46	174	30
Western Australia ..	37	51	267	43	11	23	209	54
Tasmania ..	113	43	34	1	117	51	19	15
Northern Territory ..	6	..	14	..	2	..	..	..
Total ..	1,054	367	1,926	743	1,120	331	1,306	365
Total—1948-49 ..	6,690	1,451	5,849	2,572	6,230	1,173	5,423	1,366
„ 1947-48 ..	7,305	1,484	4,982	1,916	7,109	1,261	4,532	1,245
„ 1946-47 ..	7,278	1,565	4,171	1,394	7,264	1,273	3,097	1,357
„ 1945-46(a) ..	6,196	1,522	4,600	1,649	6,216	1,213	2,462	1,470
„ 1938-39 ..	7,074	2,003	4,208	2,191	7,221	1,731	5,138	1,093

(a) Excludes cargo from vessels exclusively engaged in the transport of troops, war equipment and supplies.

OVERSEA SHIPPING FREIGHT RATES FROM AUSTRALIA TO THE UNITED KINGDOM AND CONTINENT AT 31st DECEMBER, 1949.

These rates are expressed in sterling and are subject to an adjustment of 25½ per cent. on account of exchange when freight prepaid in Australia.

(40 Cubic Feet = 1 Ton Measurement.)

FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, EXCLUDING LIVE ANIMALS—

Butter (Refrigerator)	.. .. .	6s. 6d. per box (56 lb.)
Cheese (Refrigerator)	.. .. .	1 ⅞d. per lb.
Eggs (in shell)	.. .. .	193s. per ton measurement.
Meats—		
Preserved by Cold Process (Refrigerator)—		
Beef	.. .. .	1 ⅞d. per lb.
Lamb	.. .. .	2d. " "
Mutton	.. .. .	1 ⅞d. " "
Rabbits and Hares	.. .. .	140s. per ton measurement.
Preserved in tins	.. .. .	123s. " " "
Sausage Casings (dried, in casks or cases)	.. .. .	123s. " " "
Milk and Cream (condensed)	.. .. .	123s. " " "

FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN—

Sugar (Raw)	.. .. .	85s. per ton weight.
Jams	.. .. .	97s. 6d. per ton measurement.
Jellies	.. .. .	123s. " " "
Dried Fruits	.. .. .	97s. 6d. " " "
Fruits, Fresh—(Refrigerator)—		
Apples	.. .. .	8s. 4d. per bushel case.
Oranges	.. .. .	8s. 4d. " " "
Grain and Pulse, unprepared—		
Wheat—		
Bulk	.. .. .	67s. 6d. per ton weight.
Bagged	.. .. .	75s. " " "
Barley	.. .. .	77s. 6d. " " "
Oats	.. .. .	100s. " " "
Maize	.. .. .	82s. 6d. " " "
Grain and Pulse, prepared—		
Flour, Wheaten	.. .. .	77s. 6d. " " "
Bran	97s. 6d. " " "
Pollard	90s. " " "
Rice (clean, husked)	82s. 6d. " " "

WINE	123s. per ton measurement.
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ANIMAL SUBSTANCES (MAINLY MANUFACTURED), NOT FOODSTUFFS—

Hides and Skins—		
Calf	1d. per lb.
Calf, in casks	.. .. .	184s. 6d. per ton weight.
Sheep	.. .. .	1 ⅞d. per lb.
Rabbit	.. .. .	2 ⅞d. " "
Other	.. .. .	2 ⅞d. " "
Pearl-shell	.. .. .	123s. per ton measurement.
Wool—		
Greasy	.. .. .	2.238d. per lb. less 7%.
Scoured and Washed	.. .. .	2.815d. " " "
Tops	.. .. .	2.681d. per lb. (net).

VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES—

Compressed Fodder	.. .. .	123s. per ton measurement.
Bark, Tanning	.. .. .	123s. per ton weight.
Copra	.. .. .	200s. per ton measurement.
Sandalwood	.. .. .	123s. " "
Raw Cotton (in bales)	.. .. .	1½d. per lb.

APPAREL, TEXTILES AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES—

Apparel and Attire	.. .. .	123s. per ton measurement.
Binder Twine	.. .. .	215s. per ton weight.

OILS, FATS AND WAXES—

Oils—		
Eucalyptus	.. .. .	123s. per ton measurement.
Other	138s. per ton weight.
Tallow, Unrefined	138s. " " "

PAINTS AND VARNISHES	123s. per ton measurement.
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Oversea Shipping Freight Rates from Australia to the United Kingdom and Continent at 31st December, 19 9—continued.

(40 Cubic Feet = 1 Ton Measurement.)

ORES AND METALS, UNMANUFACTURED OR PARTLY MANUFACTURED—

Ore (in casks)—					
Over £20 per ton	..	..	..	..	144s. 6d. per ton weight.
Under £20 per ton	..	..	..	..	82s. 6d. " " "
Zinc—					
Ex Risdon ..	..	..	..	..	52s. 6d. " " "
Other than above	..	..	..	..	72s. 6d. " " "
Dust (in cases)	..	..	..	..	289s. 6d. " " "
Sheet (in cases)	..	..	..	..	126s. 6d. " " "
Copper ..	..	..	..	..	90s. " " "
Lead ..	..	..	..	..	65s. " " "
Steel—					
Billets (up to 20 feet)	..	..	..	..	80s. " " "
" (over 20 and up to 30 feet)	..	..	..	..	95s. " " "
Tyres ..	..	..	..	..	108s. 6d. " " "
Tin Clippings in Ingot form	..	..	..	..	42s. " " "

RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF, AND SUBSTITUTES THEREFOR—

Rubber ..	..	..	..	..	110s. 6d. per ton measurement.
Leather ..	..	..	..	..	269s. per ton weight.

WOOD, RAW AND MANUFACTURED—

Timber—					
Logs up to 40-ft. lengths	..	..	..	..	46s. per 100 super. feet.
" over 40 and up to 50-ft. lengths	..	..	..	..	49s. 3d. " " "
" over 50 and up to 60-ft. lengths	..	..	..	..	53s. " " "
Sawn, Undressed, up to 30-ft. lengths	..	..	..	..	24s. 3d. " " "

EARTHENWARE, CEMENTS, CHINA AND GLASS 123s. per ton measurement.

STATIONERY 123s. " "

DRUGS, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS—

Fertilizers	123s. " "
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MISCELLANEOUS—

Soap	123s. " "
Casein	193s. 6d. " "

SPECIE 15s. per cent.

INTERSTATE, NEW ZEALAND AND ISLANDS' SHIPPING FREIGHT RATES, GENERAL CARGO, 31st DECEMBER, 19 9.

(Per Ton Weight or Measurement : 1 Ton Meas. = 40 Cubic Feet.)

(These rates are expressed in Australian currency.)

To—	From—				
	Brisbane.	Sydney.		Melbourne.	
	Direct.	Direct.	Trans-shipped at Wellington.	Direct.	Trans-shipped at Sydney.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Brisbane .. .. .	..	83 6	..	90 0	..
Sydney	83 6	..	..	82 0	..
Melbourne	90 0	82 0	..	..	..
Adelaide	98 6	90 0	..	82 0	..
Fremantle	109 6(a)	103 0	..	96 6	..
Hobart	174 6(b)	81 0	..	74 6	..
Launceston, Devonport, Burnie	174 6(b)	81 0	..	65 0	..
Auckland .. .. .	..	109 0	..	109 0	223 6
Wellington .. .. .	..	109 0(c)	..	109 0(c)	223 6(c)
Lyttleton .. .. .	..	109 0	176 10(c)	109 0	176 10(c)
Dunedin .. .. .	..	109 0	176 10(c)	109 0	176 10(c)
New Hebrides—Vila .. .. .	..	180 0	..	..	..
Norfolk Island .. .. .	..	160 0	..	..	..
Papua—					
Port Moresby	140 0	140 0	..	..	..
Samarai	140 0	140 0	..	..	..
Territory of New Guinea—					
Lae and Madang	160 0	160 0	..	..	..
Rataul	150 0	150 0	..	..	..

(a) Plus 10s. per ton if trans-shipped.
Harbour Improvement Charges.

(b) Trans-shipped at Sydney.

(c) Plus Wellington

COMMERCE—VALUE OF DIRECT OVERSEA TRADE.

(£A'000 f.o.b.)

State or Territory.	1938-39.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48.	1948-49.
IMPORTS.					
New South Wales	53,088	87,963	94,378	151,917	178,119
Victoria	40,463	61,628	76,475	120,600	145,573
Queensland	9,070	12,246	13,658	22,560	32,484
South Australia	6,670	10,007	13,609	22,954	30,457
Western Australia	6,137	5,509	9,464	17,155	22,038
Tasmania	1,292	1,307	1,812	4,282	6,256
Northern Territory	34	197	89	278	267
Total	116,754	178,857	209,485	339,746	415,194

EXPORTS.(a)

New South Wales	45,903	76,841	116,580	134,750	176,754
Victoria	30,819	75,916	88,611	115,964	136,459
Queensland	28,652	27,085	43,195	48,312	99,122
South Australia	14,841	20,154	32,512	52,902	69,531
Western Australia	17,070	19,458	23,032	48,670	48,295
Tasmania	3,198	3,612	5,082	9,283	12,490
Northern Territory	13	222	17	73	22
Total	140,496	223,288	309,029	409,954	542,673

(a) In this table goods are shown against the State from which they were finally despatched.

EXTERNAL TRADE—AUSTRALIA—VALUE, AND VALUE PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

Year	Total Trade.	Imports.	Exports.(a)			Value per Head of Population.					
			Exports.(a)			Total Trade.	Imports.	Exports.			Total.
			Aust. Produce.	Other Produce.	Total.			Aust. Produce.	Other Produce.	Total.	
	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
1938-39..	257,250	116,754	135,476	5,020	140,496	37 2 0	16 16 9	19 10 9	0 14 6	20 5 3	
1945-46..	402,145	178,857	218,821	4,467	223,288	54 2 5	24 1 5	29 9 0	0 12 0	30 1 0	
1946-47..	518,514	209,485	304,454	4,575	309,029	68 19 1	27 17 2	40 9 9	0 12 2	41 1 11	
1947-48..	749,700	339,746	404,716	5,238	409,954	97 4 3	44 1 1	52 9 7	0 13 7	53 3 2	
1948-49..	957,867	415,194	537,570	5,103	542,673	122 16 5	53 4 9	68 18 7	0 13 1	69 11 8	
1949-50 (6 months)	500,095	241,170	256,668	2,257	258,925	..	..	..	..	..

(a) Excludes the value of stores shipped in Australian ports on board overseas ships. The values of ships' stores in £A'000 were 1938-39, £2,106; 1945-46, £6,332; 1946-47, £4,507; 1947-48, £5,510; 1948-49, £7,815; and 1949-50 (six months), £3,659.

(£A'000 f.o.b.)

Year.	Imports.			Exports.			Excess of Exports.		
	Merchandise.	Specie and Bullion.	Total.	Merchandise.	Specie and Bullion.	Total.	Merchandise.	Specie and Bullion.	Total.
1938-39..	113,217	3,537	116,754	121,533	18,963	140,496	8,316	15,426	23,742
1945-46..	177,095	1,762	178,857	196,424	26,864	223,288	19,329	25,102	44,431
1946-47..	208,343	1,142	209,485	308,909	120	309,029	10,566	-1,022	99,544
1947-48..	338,085	1,661	339,746	404,988	4,966	409,954	66,903	3,305	70,208
1948-49..	414,056	1,138	415,194	541,103	1,570	542,673	127,047	432	127,479
1949-50 (6 months)	240,224	946	241,170	258,355	570	258,925	18,131	-376	17,755

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes excess of imports.

**IMPORTS INTO AUSTRALIA OF THE PRODUCE OR MANUFACTURE OF THE UNDERMENTIONED COUNTRIES DURING THE
THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1949.**
(£A'000 f.o.b.)

Classes of Goods.	United Kingdom.	Borneo (British).	Canada.	Ceylon.	India.	Malaya, Federation of.	New Zealand.	Singapore.	Union of South Africa.	Bahrain Islands.	Belgium.	China.
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin	85	..	8	..	3	..	144	..	76	..	..	1
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin	293	57	..	2,138	604	67	59	10	1	..	..	14
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors	216	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
4. Tobacco and preparations thereof	1,161	..	..	..	23	..	..	..	9	..	1	..
5. Live animals	89	..	..	..	..	3	41	..	..	..	..	..
6. Animal substances (mainly un-manufactured) not food-stuffs	33	..	1	..	102	2	155	..	3	..	..	100
7. Vegetable substances and fibres	282	2	39	62	663	28	77	1	80	..	2	5
8. Manufactured fibres, textiles, and apparel	16,255	..	222	6	4,856	17	2	12	..	..	116	66
9. Oils, fats and waxes	90	676	1	..	200	40	21	1,773	38	1,041	1	50
10. Pigments, paints, varnishes	155	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	19	..
11. Rocks and minerals	129	..	23	6	149	7	4	..	197	..	..	2
12. Metals, metal manufactures and machinery	28,715	..	2,020	..	1	11	37	2	391	..	382	..
13. Rubber and leather and manufactures thereof	1,058	..	2	8	2	617	19	4	..	..	..	..
14. Wood and wicker, raw and manufactured	110	117	865	..	2	35	162	3	..	..	1	9
15. Earthenware, cements, china, glass, &c.	1,393	..	57	..	2	..	28	1	..	..	100	1
16. Pulp, paper and stationery	2,198	..	352	..	..	..	24	..	1	..	1	2
17. Fancy goods, jewellery and timepieces	976	..	..	3	12	..	6	..	66	..	3	3
18. Optical, surgical and scientific instruments	918	..	78	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	6	..
19. Drugs, chemicals and fertilizers	1,422	..	64	3	2	2	6	..	7	..	64	10
20. Miscellaneous	1,087	..	15	2	8	3	44	9	5	..	13	13
21. Gold, silver and bronze specie .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	283	..	..	..	..	..
Total	56,615	852	3,249	2,228	6,629	832	1,120	1,815	874	1,041	709	277

Imports into Australia of the Produce or Manufacture of the Undermentioned Countries during the Three Months ended September, 1949—continued.
(£A'000 f.o.b.)

Classes of Goods.	Czecho- slovakia.	Egypt.	France.	Italy.	Nether- lands.	Nether- lands Dep'ty.— Indonesia.	Norway.	Persia.	Sweden.	Switzer- land.	United States of America.	Total, All Coun- tries.(a)
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin ..	6	..	7	1	1	..	79	..	..	..	75	565
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin ..	..	..	3	31	35	6	..	..	..	..	45	4,375
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors ..	..	..	26	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	266
4. Tobacco and preparations thereof ..	..	1	..	..	59	19	..	..	..	..	324	1,828
5. Live animals ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	87
6. Animal substances (mainly un- manufactured) not food- stuffs ..	..	..	6	1	..	..	21	..	22	..	13	530
7. Vegetable substances and fibres ..	..	37	7	30	3	6	5	5	..	46	200	2,687
8. Manufactured fibres, textiles, and apparel ..	514	1	482	1,163	433	1	2	..	1	98	413	25,473
9. Oils, fats and waxes ..	..	..	1	6	13	3,114	..	1,656	4	..	1,248	10,522
10. Pigments, paints, varnishes ..	..	..	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	140	436
11. Rocks and minerals ..	..	..	..	4	2	..	2	..	4	..	417	1,099
12. Metals, metal manufactures and machinery ..	141	..	624	365	114	..	158	..	291	476	7,704	44,503
13. Rubber and leather and manufactures thereof ..	3	..	5	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	205	1,962
14. Wood and wicker, raw and manufactured ..	..	..	49	2	1	..	73	1	358	1	499	2,123
15. Earthenware, cements, china, glass, &c. ..	117	..	22	11	1	..	2	..	11	..	62	1,897
16. Pulp, paper and stationery ..	18	..	9	6	45	1	317	..	1,082	3	224	4,574
17. Fancy goods, jewellery and timepieces ..	70	..	174	19	3	..	5	..	1	130	13	1,556
18. Optical, surgical and scientific instruments ..	..	..	35	25	3	..	..	..	1	20	285	1,453
19. Drugs, chemicals and fertilizers ..	..	..	191	28	44	1	..	..	28	39	309	3,052
20. Miscellaneous ..	26	15	33	55	12	1	1	..	20	3	191	1,815
21. Gold, silver and bronze specie ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	462
Total	895	54	1,675	1,765	771	3,149	665	1,662	1,823	816	12,371	111,265

(a) Excludes outside packages, £A2,202,000.

EXPORTS FROM AUSTRALIA TO THE UNDERMENTIONED COUNTRIES DURING THE THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1949.
(£A'000 f.o.b.)

Classes of Goods.	United Kingdom.	Canada.	Ceylon.	Eire.	Hong Kong.	India.	Malaya, Federation of.	New Zealand.	Singapore.	Union of South Africa.	Belgium.	China.
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin ..	11,919	60	200	3	318	252	239	24	642	134	37	1
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin ..	13,697	1,636	1,163	269	450	10,344	574	1,790	652	16	11	6
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors ..	65	58	1	..	3	1	5	52	8	..	..	..
4. Tobacco and preparations thereof .. ..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
5. Live animals	2	..	..	..	10	1	..	10	60	..	..	..
6. Animal substances (mainly unmanufactured) not food-stuffs	17,080	863	..	..	16	54	1	52	1	11	3,594	43
7. Vegetable substances and fibres	19	..	1	..	1	1	2	91	6	7	1	..
8. Manufactured fibres, textiles, and apparel	67	28	..	..	116	7	8	209	17	14	..	..
9. Oils, fats and waxes	556	..	3	..	16	127	3	34	8	6	..	..
10. Pigments, paints, varnishes	1	..	4	..	10	9	1	47	4	..	..	..
11. Rocks and minerals	1,342	2	..	..	..	3	1	32	1	..	122	..
12. Metals, metal manufactures and machinery	2,663	23	42	..	60	139	47	906	301	231	46	..
13. Rubber and leather and manufactures thereof	125	2	..	1	156	3	3	37	43	14	..	..
14. Wood and wicker, raw and manufactured	132	5	22	..	1	..	4	167	4	56	5	..
15. Earthenware, cements, china, glass, &c.	9	..	..	..	..	..	2	61	12	7	..	..
16. Pulp, paper and stationery	32	2	..	..	6	1	1	122	10	2	..	..
17. Fancy goods, jewellery and timepieces	3	1	1	..	3	3	..	28	9	2	..	..
18. Optical surgical and scientific instruments	70	1	2	..	3	5	..	136	4	6	..	..
19. Drugs, chemicals and fertilizers	30	..	6	..	54	33	24	190	56	7	1	..
20. Miscellaneous	250	17	48	..	59	5	8	169	76	42	1	..
21. Gold, silver and bronze specie	150	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	48,212	2,698	1,493	273	1,284	10,988	923	4,157	1,914	555	3,818	50

Exports from Australia to the Undermentioned Countries during the Three Months ended September, 1949—continued.

(£A'000 f.o.b.)

Classes of Goods.	Egypt.	France.	Italy.	Japan.	Nether- lands.	Nether- lands Dep'ty— Indonesia.	Persia.	Poland.	Soviet Russia.	Sweden.	United States of America.	Total, All Countries.
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin ..	392	5	83	1	3	2	82	4	..	..	101	16,624
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin ..	809	196	..	227	10	..	78	..	..	251	4	36,038
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors ..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	237
4. Tobacco and preparations thereof ..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	51
5. Live animals ..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	110
6. Animal substances (mainly un- manufactured) not food- stuffs ..	54	7,690	1,534	997	669	..	16	2,166	..	771	3,415	42,886
7. Vegetable substances and fibres ..	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	64	298
8. Manufactured fibres, textiles, and apparel ..	13	..	1	..	1	1	5	..	..	..	1	748
9. Oils, fats and waxes ..	..	..	2	2	14	..	..	..	..	..	19	937
10. Pigments, paints, varnishes ..	6	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	115
11. Rocks and minerals ..	..	6	2	..	6	..	..	..	..	69	210	1,834
12. Metals, metal manufactures and machinery ..	4	21	..	38	81	23	5	..	..	2	192	5,705
13. Rubber and leather and manufactures thereof ..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	4	10	476
14. Wood and wicker, raw and manufactured ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	470
15. Earthenware, cements, china, glass, &c. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	125
16. Pulp, paper and stationery ..	..	..	..	..	1	4	..	..	..	..	5	233
17. Fancy goods, jewellery and timepieces ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	83
18. Optical, surgical and scientific instruments ..	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	5	320
19. Drugs, chemicals and fertilizers ..	6	14	..	1	5	1	..	..	..	..	17	576
20. Miscellaneous ..	1	4	3	186	2	1	1	3	..	1	61	1,229
21. Gold, silver and bronze specie ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	183
Total	1,286	7,938	1,630	1,457	796	33	187	2,173	..	1,102	4,127	109,278

EXPORTS OF PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES FROM AUSTRALIA IN EACH MONTH—EXPORT PRICE.

Item.	Unit of Quantity.	Year.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	Average for Year.(a)
Wool, Greasy ..	lb.	{ 1948-49 1949-50	<i>s. d.</i> 3 11.4 3 7.4	<i>s. d.</i> 3 6.7 3 3.7	<i>s. d.</i> 3 0.2 3 7.1	<i>s. d.</i> 3 10.9 3 10.6	<i>s. d.</i> 3 5.9 4 1.5	<i>s. d.</i> 3 11.7 4 11.2	<i>s. d.</i> 4 6.3 ..	<i>s. d.</i> 4 7.6 ..	<i>s. d.</i> 4 8.7 ..	<i>s. d.</i> 4 3.2 ..	<i>s. d.</i> 3 11.4 ..	<i>s. d.</i> 3 3.7 ..	<i>s. d.</i> 3 11.8 ..
Wool, Scoured ..	lb.	{ 1948-49 1949-50	4 10.3 4 7.7	4 6.5 4 8.7	3 9.2 4 4.1	4 6.4 5 1.3	4 4.6 5 1.1	4 9.6 5 7.3	4 6.7 ..	4 8.4 ..	4 10.9 ..	4 11.4 ..	3 10.1 ..	5 0.7 ..	4 7.2 ..
Sheepskins (with Wool) ..	No.	{ 1948-49 1949-50	18 5.0 11 10.7	13 6.2 14 1.9	17 10.3 17 9.2	16 9.5 16 8.2	13 9.9 17 4.1	15 1.4 11 2.4	14 5.0 ..	13 6.8 ..	11 6.8 ..	11 8.1 ..	10 11.7 ..	11 1.7 ..	13 0.5 ..
Wheat ..	bushel	{ 1948-49 1949-50	18 0.3 13 4.7	18 3.9 14 5.1	16 3.2 14 9.3	16 7.0 14 8.4	15 10.9 14 11.1	16 5.5 16 1.4	14 2.1 ..	15 10.7 ..	15 9.1 ..	15 2.5 ..	16 2.1 ..	14 3.2 ..	16 1.4 ..
Butter ..	lb.	{ 1948-49 1949-50	2 3.8 2 8.5	2 4.1 2 7.4	2 3.5 2 5.0	2 5.5 2 10.5	2 7.3 2 10.3	2 6.6 2 9.8	2 7.8 ..	2 9.1 ..	2 7.5 ..	2 8.5 ..	2 9.1 ..	2 5.9 ..	2 7.1 ..
Raisins ..	lb.	{ 1948-49 1949-50	0 6.5 0 7.4	0 6.8 0 6.6	0 6.7 0 6.4	0 7.5 0 9.3	0 7.3 0 8.8	0 8.7 0 10.8	0 8.0 ..	0 8.3 ..	0 9.8 ..	0 8.2 ..	0 6.6 ..	0 6.9 ..	0 6.8 ..
Wine (b) ..	gal.	{ 1948-49 1949-50	12 0.5 10 9.3	10 1.1 7 10.1	11 0.5 8 4.8	12 5.2 9 4.3	10 0.6 7 7.9	10 6.6 8 3.7	9 9.4 ..	8 10.9 ..	10 5.7 ..	8 5.8 ..	9 7.8 ..	8 7.7 ..	10 7.0 ..
Beef, Frozen ..	lb.	{ 1948-49 1949-50	0 6.7 0 8.1	0 7.0 0 8.4	0 6.6 0 8.0	0 7.1 0 8.1	0 8.0 0 8.6	0 8.4 0 8.6	0 8.7 ..	0 8.8 ..	0 8.6 ..	0 8.3 ..	0 9.3 ..	0 7.9 ..	0 7.3 ..
Lamb, Frozen ..	lb.	{ 1948-49 1949-50	1 1.8 0 11.4	1 3.1 0 11.2	0 11.4 0 11.2	0 9.1 0 10.2	0 8.8 0 11.1	0 9.5 0 10.8	0 10.0 ..	0 9.7 ..	0 10.4 ..	0 9.8 ..	0 11.7 ..	0 11.2 ..	0 9.7 ..
Mutton, Frozen ..	lb.	{ 1948-49 1949-50	0 7.4 0 5.7	0 11.7 0 7.3	0 10.7 0 6.6	0 10.0 0 6.8	0 7.1 0 6.8	0 5.8 0 6.0	0 5.8 ..	0 5.7 ..	0 5.4 ..	0 5.1 ..	0 5.3 ..	0 6.4 ..	0 5.7 ..
Flour ..	cental	{ 1948-49 1949-50	<i>£ s. d.</i> 2 3 10 1 12 3	<i>£ s. d.</i> 2 3 9 1 14 0	<i>£ s. d.</i> 2 2 5 1 14 2	<i>£ s. d.</i> 2 2 1 1 14 1	<i>£ s. d.</i> 2 3 0 1 13 2	<i>£ s. d.</i> 2 1 10 1 14 9	<i>£ s. d.</i> 1 19 7 ..	<i>£ s. d.</i> 2 0 7 ..	<i>£ s. d.</i> 2 3 2 ..	<i>£ s. d.</i> 2 0 0 ..	<i>£ s. d.</i> 1 19 0 ..	<i>£ s. d.</i> 1 13 7 ..	<i>£ s. d.</i> 2 1 2 ..
Tallow (Inedible) ..	cwt.	{ 1948-49 1949-50	4 15 6 5 5 0	4 9 10 5 12 8	5 19 0 4 18 9	5 18 4 4 10 1	6 1 9 3 4 6	6 15 6 3 19 11	6 0 4 ..	6 9 3 ..	6 11 7 ..	7 4 7 ..	6 1 6 ..	9 2 7 ..	6 15 10 ..
Lead (Pig) ..	cwt.	{ 1948-49 1949-50	5 9 3 5 11 2	5 9 0 6 18 10	5 13 6 5 16 2	6 2 3 4 18 7	6 7 3 5 3 3	6 10 8 5 1 1	7 1 8 ..	7 6 2 ..	6 19 10 ..	6 8 3 ..	6 1 11 ..	6 19 3 ..	6 8 3 ..
Zinc Bars, Blocks, ..	cwt.	{ 1948-49 1949-50	3 10 11 3 10 4	4 0 5 5 7 4	4 7 1 4 13 4	4 2 10 4 19 2	6 10 0 3 3 7	4 0 4 4 0 7	6 9 0 ..	4 18 1 ..	5 12 0 ..	6 0 5 ..	5 17 10 ..	5 9 9 ..	4 12 11 ..
Sugar, Raw ..	ton	{ 1948-49 1949-50	32 0 0 32 8 4	31 19 5 32 9 11	32 0 7 29 6 8	32 0 0 31 16 11	31 19 10 32 11 0	32 0 0 32 9 4	32 0 9 ..	32 0 0 ..	32 0 1 ..	32 0 1 ..	32 2 10 ..	32 0 11 ..	31 15 10 ..

(a) Average price of total exports for the year.

(b) In bulk over 27 per cent. proof.

EXPORTS OF PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES FROM AUSTRALIA IN EACH MONTH—QUANTITIES.

Item.	Unit of Quantity.	Year.	July.	August.	Septem-ber.	October.	Novem-ber.	Decem-ber.	January.	Febru-ary.	March.	April.	May.	June.	Total for Year.
Wool, Greasy ..	'000 lb.	{ 1948-49 1949-50	98,167 82,980	31,627 54,896	29,256 38,148	82,611 100,820	101,819 116,842	118,077 104,593	72,642 ..	86,760 ..	77,617 ..	65,010 ..	121,647 ..	96,803 ..	982,036 ..
Wool, Scoured, Tops. &c. ..	'000 lb.	{ 1948-49 1949-50	13,507 12,093	10,059 12,444	11,288 12,356	10,470 11,182	12,277 15,156	14,319 13,097	12,628 ..	12,398 ..	15,661 ..	11,281 ..	22,503 ..	9,770 ..	156,161 ..
Sheepskins (with Wool) ..	'000 No.	{ 1948-49 1949-50	472 984	591 1,381	519 957	589 852	1,026 1,101	674 1,223	1,019 ..	1,008 ..	1,451 ..	946 ..	1,566 ..	1,394 ..	11,255 ..
Wheat ..	'000 bus.	{ 1948-49 1949-50	10,989 6,217	6,078 8,344	7,174 7,352	3,543 5,790	5,571 5,294	3,868 2,917	5,609 ..	9,193 ..	6,637 ..	5,725 ..	9,779 ..	8,963 ..	83,129 ..
Flour ..	'000 cential	{ 1948-49 1949-50	1,674 1,232	1,779 1,167	2,199 1,660	1,251 1,845	1,518 904	1,026 1,506	592 ..	1,764 ..	1,232 ..	1,524 ..	1,261 ..	1,216 ..	17,036 ..
Butter ..	'000 lb.	{ 1948-49 1949-50	9,734 4,017	7,253 4,844	5,595 10,064	10,547 6,527	30,642 12,467	18,613 11,184	13,065 ..	25,604 ..	23,429 ..	17,084 ..	10,978 ..	11,010 ..	183,554 ..
Raisins ..	'000 lb.	{ 1948-49 1949-50	22,329 5,663	12,908 16,954	17,555 10,540	6,479 1,042	3,220 674	942 295	1,713 ..	2,476 ..	146 ..	1,232 ..	10,536 ..	3,517 ..	83,053 ..
Wines (all kinds)	'000 gal.	{ 1948-49 1949-50	108 52	96 83	325 128	202 57	227 95	202 103	133 ..	76 ..	214 ..	35 ..	69 ..	191 ..	1,878 ..
Beef, Frozen ..	'000 lb.	{ 1948-49 1949-50	58,352 24,832	29,376 26,769	29,689 36,162	15,728 12,641	6,123 15,916	11,945 10,712	5,875 ..	5,544 ..	4,686 ..	5,601 ..	5,856 ..	12,878 ..	191,653 ..
Lamb, Frozen ..	'000 lb.	{ 1948-49 1949-50	250 1,165	284 2,140	632 4,954	5,159 9,149	7,953 15,282	10,028 24,784	10,974 ..	19,753 ..	12,818 ..	6,374 ..	2,123 ..	2,007 ..	87,355 ..
Mutton, Frozen	'000 lb.	{ 1948-49 1949-50	534 992	331 669	451 1,712	140 4,230	630 5,526	1,447 6,584	2,451 ..	2,751 ..	7,647 ..	4,801 ..	6,046 ..	280 ..	27,509 ..
Tallow, Inedible	'000 cwt.	{ 1948-49 1949-50	9 37	6 34	9 34	21 37	7 16	13 19	13 ..	5 ..	13 ..	10 ..	16 ..	20 ..	142 ..
Lead (Pig) ..	'000 cwt.	{ 1948-49 1949-50	73 168	348 94	161 91	166 70	411 231	162 257	182 ..	280 ..	294 ..	125 ..	60 ..	287 ..	2,549 ..
Zinc Bars, Blocks, etc. ..	'000 cwt.	{ 1948-49 1949-50	18 1	137 85	51 52	23 6	.. 53	152 159	3 ..	133 ..	2 ..	77 ..	62 ..	43 ..	701 ..
Sugar, Raw and Refined ..	'000 ton	{ 1948-49 1949-50	11 11	39 53	44 91	49 44	39 57	70 58	27 ..	49 ..	32 ..	25 ..	15 ..	15 ..	415 ..

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE REVENUE—AUSTRALIA.

Gross Revenue from Customs under the Sixteen Tariff Divisions and from Individual Items to the Excise Tariff and Total Revenue collected during the December quarters of 19'8 and 19'9, the six months ended December, 19'8 and 19'9, and the years ended June, 19'8 and 19'9.

(£A.)

Division.	December Quarter.		Six Months ended December.		Year ended June.	
	1948.	1949.	1948.	1949.	1948.	1949.
CUSTOMS.						
1. Ale, Spirits, and Beverages	327,289	414,192	619,535	750,578	942,730	1,173,699
2. Tobacco, and Manufactures thereof	4,187,352	4,954,378	8,011,429	9,407,979	11,995,964	15,555,821
3. Sugar	904	586	3,266	1,287	7,122	4,327
4. Agricultural Products and Groceries	320,283	319,936	647,557	637,505	1,466,786	1,331,331
5. Textiles, &c., and Attire	1,610,361	1,914,126	3,294,544	3,664,019	5,802,888	6,825,285
6. Metals and Machinery	1,350,352	2,358,429	2,713,803	4,451,089	4,702,732	6,347,237
7. Oils, Paints and Varnishes	4,205,759	4,373,684	8,396,203	9,255,134	16,222,672	17,391,657
8. Earthenware, &c.	269,863	303,961	580,545	577,993	1,108,006	1,106,179
9. Drugs and Chemicals	79,631	98,651	173,628	195,500	455,499	364,236
10. Wood, Wicker and Cane	230,072	311,424	442,170	607,245	697,196	1,017,000
11. Jewellery and Fancy Goods	334,506	513,338	647,109	926,128	974,859	1,248,690
12. Leather and Rubber	269,151	282,793	503,568	558,677	821,435	961,785
13. Paper and Stationery	122,326	118,650	272,621	252,395	779,458	555,120
14. Vehicles	775,158	2,187,141	1,736,339	3,489,307	2,773,155	4,012,523
15. Musical Instruments	15,696	24,999	32,723	43,124	50,860	78,879
16. Miscellaneous	509,884	324,435	1,161,620	770,839	2,963,218	2,167,747
Primage	1,474,256	1,393,394	3,005,426	2,840,218	7,349,576	5,885,851
Ships' Stores	30,766	29,425	49,161	59,152	58,457	101,107
Other Miscellaneous Receipts	60,063	41,337	208,930	85,212	745,296	311,020
Total Customs	16,173,672	19,964,879	32,500,177	38,573,381	59,917,909	66,439,494
EXCISE.						
Beer	8,722,146	9,343,710	15,992,059	15,689,444	27,062,418	31,817,084
Cigarette Papers	222,931	255,168	460,311	505,338	1,060,066	897,541
Coal		36,533		36,533		
Matches	275,393	334,151	614,265	659,573	1,305,776	1,227,692
Petrol	577,834	711,246	1,137,719	1,408,528	1,835,258	2,249,163
Playing Cards	17,785	15,960	35,150	34,390	58,170	67,413
Spirits	1,741,437	1,719,203	3,664,446	3,771,645	6,764,216	7,058,315
Tobacco, Cigars, Cigarettes, and Snuff	5,161,819	5,403,263	9,689,633	10,457,938	19,716,474	19,179,891
Other Excise, including Licences	102,333	95,732	187,025	136,392	300,785	330,923
Total Excise	16,821,678	17,914,966	31,780,608	32,699,781	58,103,163	62,828,022
Total Gross Customs and Excise Collections	32,995,350	37,879,845	64,280,785	71,273,162	118,021,072	129,267,516
Refunds and Drawback paid	695,474	836,951	1,517,976	1,736,963	2,410,678	3,070,023
TOTAL NET REVENUE	32,299,876	37,042,894	62,762,809	69,536,199	115,610,394	126,197,493

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED INTO AND EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.

Compiled from information supplied by the Department of Trade and Customs.
(Subject to revision.)

IMPORTS.

(£A'000 f.o.b.)

Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six months ended December.	
	1948.	1949.	1948.	1949.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.				
Fish—				
Preserved in tins	480	284	1,720	488
Fresh, Smoked, Potted, &c.	302	208	491	387
Meats—				
Preserved in tins	5	12	5	19
Potted or Concentrated	3	5	12	10
Sausage Casings.. .. .	105	15	139	104
Other	2	1	2	1
Milk and Cream	8	3	11	5
Other Animal Foodstuffs	60	93	99	172
Total, Class I.	965	621	2,479	1,186
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN.				
Caramel and Cocoa Butter	165	309	388	513
Cocoa and Chocolate	172	365	920	1,104
Coffee and Chicory	68	247	237	335
Confectionery	91	42	158	86
Fruits, Dried, including Dates	68	8	74	10
Fruits and Vegetables, n.e.i., preserved in liquid	10	67	11	84
Ginger	3	7	5	19
Grain and Pulse—				
Unprepared	27	143	341	274
Prepared	3	5	2	11
Liquorice	13	9	21	11
Mustard .. .. .	..	1	..	1
Nuts, Edible	139	229	349	545
Pickles and Sauces	12	14	23	38
Sago and Tapioca	38	21	74	63
Seeds—Canary, Hemp and Rape	9	6	12	14
Spices	76	121	160	236
Sugar and Sugar Products	15	22	31	31
Tea	1,811	2,320	3,483	4,816
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs.. .. .	40	166	63	286
Total, Class II.	2,760	4,102	6,352	8,477
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS.				
Ale, Beer and Porter	51	106	95	155
Spirits (Beverages)—				
Brandy	27	14	58	25
Gin	16	11	24	29
Rum	3	2	5	7
Whisky	123	144	218	299
Other including Liqueurs and Bitters	21	11	41	26
Wine, Fermented—				
Sparkling	32	4	47	10
Other	7	7	10	14
Total, Class III.	280	299	498	565

Value of Principal Articles, &c.—Imports—continued.
(£A'000 f.o.b.)

Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six months ended December.	
	1948.	1949.	1948.	1949.
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO.				
Cigars, Cigarettes	831	1,092	1,728	2,244
Tobacco—				
Manufactured	90	108	159	213
Unmanufactured	1,234	1,714	2,294	2,285
Total, Class IV.	2,155	2,914	4,181	4,742
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS	110	41	209	128
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES.				
Glue Pieces and Sinews .. .. .	..	6	6	6
Gut—Imitation and Natural	5	6	11	10
Hair and Fibre	102	98	189	220
Hides and Skins—				
Calf, Cattle and Horse	17	23	46	39
Sheep	13	1	43	3
Other	231	185	507	367
Silk, Raw	180	2	300	21
Wool	101	29	156	179
Other Animal Substances	57	42	104	77
Total, Class VI.	706	392	1,362	922
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES.				
Copra	251	472	545	823
Cork and Cork Manufacturers	88	42	162	109
Fibre—				
Cotton, Raw and Waste	1,430	983	3,066	1,644
Flax, Hemp, &c.	169	179	635	338
Kapok	160	88	382	176
Synthetic Fibres and Filaments	155	37	274	76
Other	80	80	388	266
Grass or Straw for Hatmaking, Furniture, Mats, &c.	33	20	87	76
Gums and Resins	155	139	361	267
Plastic Materials	446	324	809	743
Seeds—				
Gardening and Horticultural	62	149	114	244
Linseed	846	186	1,055	492
Other	50	33	106	43
Tanning Substances	54	51	126	150
Other Vegetable Substances	42	37	69	60
Total, Class VII.	4,021	2,820	8,179	5,507
CLASS VIII.—(a) YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES.				
Bags and Sacks—				
Bran, Chaff and Fodder	51	..	148	13
Corn and Flour	2,776	3,280	5,140	6,199
Woolpacks	594	981	850	1,440
Other	35	23	36	27
Cordage and Twines	172	92	309	204
Sewing Cottons, Threads, &c.	493	411	1,258	814
Yarns—				
Cotton.. .. .	958	489	2,543	967
Rayon.. .. .	1,115	708	2,542	1,748
Silk	1	1	1	1
Wool	65	154	128	320
Other	91	53	223	91
Total, Class VIII. (a)	6,351	6,192	13,178	11,824

Value of Principal Articles, &c.—Imports—continued.
(£A'000 f.o.b.)

Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six months ended December.	
	1948.	1949.	1948.	1949.
CLASS VIII.—(b) TEXTILES.				
Carpets and Other Floor Coverings	2,105	2,435	4,424	4,471
Cosies, Cushions, D'Oyleys	54	37	108	60
Handkerchiefs, Serviettes, Tablecloths ..	436	485	1,127	806
Piece Goods—				
Canvas and Duck	283	305	685	670
Cotton and Linen	7,181	6,566	15,622	13,833
Hessian and Jute Piece Goods	525	460	1,279	1,006
Silk, including Rayon	3,679	3,718	8,749	7,780
Velvets, Plushes, &c.	146	246	340	391
Woollens	969	1,466	1,704	2,586
Other	578	652	1,096	1,139
Quilts, Bed-linen, &c.	93	77	194	160
Towels and Towelling	532	689	1,153	1,271
Other Textiles	211	299	426	561
Total, Class VIII. (b)	16,792	17,435	36,907	34,734
CLASS VIII.—(c) APPAREL.				
Blouses, Shirts, Costumes, &c.—				
Not knitted	75	169	140	288
Knitted	208	225	352	390
Boots and Shoes	267	222	439	455
Buttons	36	41	68	79
Furs and Other Skins	18	14	30	32
Gloves	133	133	278	242
Hats and Caps	147	113	338	262
Socks and Stockings	730	674	1,239	1,305
Shirts, Collars, Ties, &c.	78	74	148	128
Trimnings and Ornaments	552	660	1,128	1,277
Other Apparel and Attire	444	443	789	852
Total, Class VIII. (c)	2,688	2,768	4,949	5,310
Total, Class VIII.	25,831	26,395	55,034	51,868
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS AND WAXES.				
Fats and Waxes, &c.	154	110	354	222
Oils—				
Kerosene	1,131	767	2,280	1,879
Linseed	741	37	1,486	197
Lubricating (Mineral)	655	1,366	1,770	2,450
Olive	74	21	213	28
Petroleum	5,016	6,009	10,068	11,716
Residual	2,517	2,475	4,924	3,997
Turpentine and Substitutes	138	132	264	251
Other	686	1,044	1,249	1,743
Total, Class IX.	11,112	11,961	22,608	22,483
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS AND VARNISHES.				
Paints and Colours	396	436	861	865
Varnishes, Stains, Lacquers, &c.	6	7	16	14
Total, Class X.	402	443	877	879

Value of Principal Articles, &c.—Imports—continued.

(£A'000 f.o.b.)

Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six months ended December.	
	1948.	1949.	1948.	1949.
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS, ETC.				
Asphalt, Bitumen and Pitch	124	118	277	140
Stones—				
Abrasives	89	203	238	254
Other	11	11	24	18
Other Minerals, &c.	550	1,214	1,044	2,233
Total, Class XI.	774	1,546	1,583	2,645
CLASS XII.—(a) METALS AND MANUFACTURES.				
Alloys	83	217	224	482
Aluminium Blocks, Ingots, &c.	242	603	672	1,012
Bolts, Nuts, Rivets, Washers	36	102	74	183
Iron and Steel—				
Bars, Rods, &c.	234	1,766	459	3,027
Beams, Girders, Joists, &c.	4	257	4	347
Pig and Scrap .. ..	..	21	1	24
Pipes and Tubes	75	317	153	468
Plate and Sheet—				
Galvanized .. ..	..	837	2	1,004
Plain	216	963	450	1,683
Tinned	1,553	1,513	3,030	3,945
Nails	17	121	34	182
Rails, Fishplates, Fishbolts, &c. .. ..	..	158	..	167
Wire	155	1,061	334	1,953
Lamps and Lampware	108	154	201	330
Leaf and Foil	110	116	183	199
Pins, Hooks, Eyes, &c.	132	179	346	328
Platedware and Cutlery	332	461	854	779
Tools of Trade	505	762	1,068	1,425
Vehicles—				
Aircraft and Parts	611	538	1,108	846
Cycles and Cycle Parts	160	177	338	326
Motor Vehicles—				
Bodies and Parts	1,062	4,641	2,152	6,977
Chassis and Parts	5,748	12,723	12,713	21,818
Motor Cycles, Side Cars, &c.	491	722	980	1,410
Other Vehicles and Parts	259	598	511	1,026
Other Metals and Manufactures	2,049	3,161	3,870	7,608
Total, Class XII. (a)	14,182	32,168	29,761	57,549
CLASS XII.—(b) ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND EQUIPMENT.				
Batteries and Accumulators	25	130	63	186
Cable and Wire, covered	881	1,502	1,913	2,812
Dynamo Electric Machines	814	995	1,693	2,127
Lamps, Filament	138	155	295	290
Telegraph, Telephone Instruments, &c.	807	1,266	1,628	2,307
Other Electrical Appliances	1,221	1,395	2,492	2,769
Total, Class XII. (b)	3,886	5,443	8,084	10,491

Value of Principal Articles, &c.—Imports—continued.
(£A'000 f.o.b.)

Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six months ended December.	
	1948.	1949.	1948.	1949.
CLASS XII.—(c) MACHINES AND MACHINERY.				
Machinery—				
Agricultural, Horticultural, &c.	230	452	460	729
Dairying	126	136	263	267
Metal-working	675	1,015	1,549	1,908
Mining	269	1,021	484	1,878
Motive power (except Electric)	3,065	6,284	5,646	11,735
Printing	322	476	593	967
Machines—				
Sewing	526	409	916	889
Sheep-shearing	11	31	22	46
Weighing	34	41	69	82
Textile-working and Appliances	684	813	1,330	1,763
Roller Bearings and Ball Bearings	331	467	695	1,005
Other Machines and Machinery	2,430	4,188	4,756	8,138
Total, Class XII. (c)	8,703	15,333	16,783	29,407
Total, Class XII.	26,771	52,944	54,628	97,447
CLASS XIII.—(a) RUBBER AND MANUFACTURES.				
Crude Rubber, Rubber Waste, Masticated, &c.	1,032	866	2,150	1,510
Rubber Manufactures—				
Elastics, &c.	130	110	296	239
Tyres, Pneumatic and Other	403	1,244	683	2,196
Other	140	146	277	265
Total, Class XIII. (a)	1,705	2,366	3,406	4,210
CLASS XIII.—(b) LEATHER, ETC.				
Leather	53	53	131	108
Leather Manufactures, &c.	35	80	61	143
Total, Class XIII. (b)	88	133	192	251
Total, Class XIII.	1,793	2,499	3,598	4,461
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER.				
Timber—				
Dressed	417	327	646	688
Undressed	1,247	1,429	2,529	2,848
Wood and Wicker Manufactures, including Furniture	211	341	416	684
Total, Class XIV.	1,875	2,097	3,591	4,220
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, GLASS, CHINA, ETC.				
Crockery and Household Ware	739	881	1,603	1,534
Glass and Glassware	612	777	1,391	1,548
Other Earthenware, Cements, China and Stone-ware	503	617	1,007	1,090
Total, Class XV.	1,854	2,275	4,001	4,172

Value of Principal Articles, &c.—Imports—continued.
(£A'000 f.o.b.)

Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six months ended December.	
	1948.	1949.	1948.	1949.
CLASS XVI.—(a) PULP, PAPER AND BOARD.				
Paper—				
Parchment	97	37	178	63
Printing	1,297	2,006	2,393	3,536
Wrapping	689	176	1,338	395
Writing and Typewriting	411	118	951	279
Other Paper	331	351	721	696
Pulp for Paper-making	317	192	1,335	578
Millboards and other Boards	322	248	647	638
Total, Class XVI. (a)	3,464	3,128	7,563	6,185
CLASS XVI.—(b) STATIONERY, ETC.				
Books (printed), Directories, &c.	677	751	1,271	1,518
Pens and Pencils	330	430	601	784
Price Lists, Catalogues, Circulars, &c.	40	71	82	119
Other Stationery	323	314	694	662
Total, Class XVI. (b)	1,370	1,566	2,648	3,083
Total, Class XVI.	4,834	4,694	10,211	9,268
CLASS XVII.—FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY, ETC.				
Articles for Games	95	93	209	173
Fancy Goods—				
Toys, &c.	231	381	448	810
Other	263	318	502	598
Precious Stones, unset	194	289	460	436
Jewellery	143	155	322	300
Timepieces, Watches, Clocks, &c.	333	573	678	1,048
Total, Class XVIII.	1,259	1,809	2,619	3,365
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS.				
Films for Cinematographs, &c.	217	232	478	524
Instruments—				
Optical and Meteorological	205	201	379	368
Surgical and Dental	294	336	593	598
Talking Machines—Phonographs, &c.	249	113	420	190
Other Instruments	547	607	1,004	1,262
Total, Class XVIII.	1,512	1,489	2,874	2,942
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS.				
Acids	73	57	153	162
Argol	16	11	19	26
Cream of Tartar and Substitutes .. .. .	..	16	..	16
Cyanides of Potassium and Sodium	26	43	98	92
Drugs, and Medicinal Preparations—				
Proprietary Medicines	252	289	506	572
Other	156	158	284	288
Dyes	433	205	879	447
Fertilizers	702	1,112	1,363	2,204
Insecticides, Disinfectants, &c., Washes and Dips	12	21	26	48
Oils, Essential (non-spirituous)	61	54	130	100
Perfumery and Toilet Preparations	97	100	181	204

Value of Principal Articles, &c.—Imports—*continued.*

(£A'000 f.o.b.)

Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six months ended December.	
	1948.	1949.	1948.	1949.
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS, ETC.—<i>continued.</i>				
Potassium Salts	23	10	77	48
Salt	29	18	58	39
Sodium Salts—				
Carbonate (Soda Ash)	116	2	219	35
Hydroxide (Caustic Soda)	109	21	235	63
Other	70	90	182	131
Spiritous Preparations—				
Essences, Fruit Ethers, Flavours, Juices,				
Syrups	7	4	14	11
Other	17	17	106	45
Other Drugs and Chemicals	844	786	1,592	1,535
Total, Class XIX.	3,043	3,014	6,122	6,066
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.				
Arms, Ammunition and Explosives	1,083	372	1,546	806
Articles of Celluloid, and Celluloid Sheets, &c... .. .	42	39	70	75
Bags, Baskets, Boxes, &c.	102	164	203	306
Brushware	77	83	149	152
Goods imported per parcel post	51	49	99	92
Musical Instruments, &c.	126	178	267	332
Outside Packages	1,797	2,624	3,717	4,826
Packings for Engines	123	132	257	272
Passengers' Effects	498	501	963	1,010
Vessels (Ships), including Fittings	449	116	510	119
All other Articles	227	606	381	891
Total, Class XX.	4,575	4,864	8,162	8,881
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER, AND BRONZE SPECIE.				
Gold, including gold in matte	535	481	680	937
Silver, including silver in matte	7	3	8	9
Total, Class XXI.	542	484	688	946
TOTAL IMPORTS.				
Importing States—				
New South Wales	41,327	47,480	84,962	94,067
Victoria	34,360	45,762	71,148	84,230
Queensland	7,799	11,957	15,837	21,933
South Australia	7,293	11,759	14,382	21,690
Western Australia	4,894	8,499	10,588	14,719
Tasmania	1,500	1,831	2,851	4,051
Northern Territory	1	415	88	480
Total { Merchandise	96,632	127,219	199,168	240,224
{ Bullion and Specie	542	484	688	946
GRAND TOTAL	97,174	127,703	199,856	241,170

Value of Principal Articles, &c.—*continued.*EXPORTS.
(£A'000 f.o.b.)

Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six Months ended December.	
	1948.	1949.	1948.	1949.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.				
Butter	7,660	4,295	10,282	6,694
Margarine	154	105	273	319
Cheese	1,114	579	1,758	1,295
Eggs	2,584	2,628	3,513	3,789
Infants' and Invalids' Foods	445	351	676	667
Meats—				
Bacon and Hams	179	220	395	388
Potted or Concentrated	177	97	343	261
Preserved by Cold Process—				
Beef	1,087	1,384	4,391	4,357
Lamb	882	2,211	944	2,596
Mutton	58	439	111	531
Pork	93	118	255	429
Rabbits and Hares	346	862	1,541	3,216
Preserved in tins	1,888	2,453	4,332	4,969
Sausage Casings	111	285	181	493
Other	842	1,013	1,939	2,286
Milk and Cream	1,962	2,148	2,677	2,900
Other Animal Foodstuffs	578	446	1,004	1,068
Total, Class I.	20,160	19,634	34,615	36,258
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN.				
Aerated Waters, Cocoa, Coffee and Chicory,				
Fruit Juices, &c.	28	39	47	66
Biscuits, Cakes and Puddings, &c.	555	886	699	1,567
Confectionery	167	86	275	225
Fodders	70	85	226	147
Fruit Juices and Syrups	277	224	781	596
Fruits, Dried—				
Currants	19	7	283	163
Raisins	334	78	1,795	999
Other	176	220	218	343
Fruits, Fresh—				
Apples	51	23	599	367
Citrus	286	238	403	491
Other	8	5	40	46
Fruits, preserved in liquid	1,270	963	2,504	2,138
Fruits, pulped	128	52	209	304
Grain and Pulse—				
Unprepared—				
Barley	997	411	2,853	1,169
Oats	2,394	88	4,746	137
Wheat	10,550	10,556	31,828	26,165
Other	133	631	400	894
Prepared—				
Breakfast Foods	403	348	909	682
Flour (Wheaten)	8,043	7,338	20,270	14,189
Rice	523	272	803	632
Other	1,347	169	2,811	448
Jams and Fruit Jellies	831	735	1,324	1,814
Sugar	5,119	5,151	8,129	10,016
Tea	29	39	64	80
Vegetables—				
Dried, &c.	3	..	7	1
Fresh	126	118	307	323
Preserved or Pulped	280	438	531	826
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs	554	310	918	720
Total, Class II.	34,701	29,510	83,979	65,548

Value of Principal Articles, &c.—Exports—continued.
(£A'000 f.o.b.)

Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six Months ended December.	
	1948.	1949.	1948.	1949.
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS.				
Ale, Beer, Porter, Cider, Perry	11	11	26	21
Spirits (Beverages)	165	105	308	202
Wine	343	105	624	235
Total, Class III.	519	221	958	458
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO.				
Cigars, Cigarettes and Snuff	24	92	30	104
Tobacco	105	52	148	91
Total, Class IV.	129	144	178	195
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS.				
Cattle	10	12	18	16
Horses	24	46	50	78
Sheep	60	52	100	114
Other Animals	7	10	21	22
Total, Class V.	101	120	189	230
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES.				
Glue Pieces and Sinews	1	..	1	..
Hides and Skins—				
Calf, Cattle and Horse	463	442	824	847
Fox	3	1	5	1
Kangaroo and Wallaby	195	102	286	127
Opossum	2	36	4	36
Rabbit	659	483	2,747	1,105
Sheep	1,726	2,594	3,023	4,918
Other	1	10	5	19
Pearl-shell	198	152	327	219
Trochus-shell	18	16	46	41
Wool—				
Greasy	57,736	70,457	86,907	101,481
Scoured and Tops	8,388	10,094	16,060	18,434
Other Animal Substances	59	70	105	115
Total, Class VI.	69,449	84,457	110,340	127,343
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES.				
Copra .. ..	..	..	45	..
Fibres	13	38	50	61
Seeds	70	74	169	173
Tanning Substances	81	59	182	149
Other Vegetable Substances	67	71	133	157
Total, Class VII.	231	242	579	540
CLASS VIII.—MANUFACTURED FIBRES ; TEXTILES ; AND APPAREL.				
Manufactured Fibres, including Bags, Cordage and Yarns	360	225	741	446
Piece Goods	371	326	718	588
Other Textiles	122	68	219	160
Boots and Shoes	14	23	26	35
Other Apparel and Attire	276	156	448	317
Total, Class VIII.	1,143	798	2,152	1,546

Value of Principal Articles, &c.—Exports—continued.
(£A'000 f.o.b.)

Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six Months ended December.	
	1948.	1949.	1948.	1949.
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES.				
Fats and Waxes	359	137	552	331
Oils	163	180	368	289
Tallow, Edible and Inedible	232	378	402	1,012
Total, Class IX.	754	695	1,322	1,632
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS AND VARNISHES ..	130	166	256	281
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS, ETC.				
Coal	15	75	48	95
Ores and Concentrates—				
Silver and Silver Lead	303	1,604	995	2,755
Zinc	665	680	1,127	852
Other	474	713	896	1,178
Other Rocks and Minerals	75	34	117	60
Total, Class XI.	1,532	3,106	3,183	4,940
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY.				
Iron and Steel	612	376	1,416	695
Lead	6,821	2,843	11,023	4,968
Metal Scrap	59	10	91	37
Platinum, Osmium, &c. .. .. .	..	3	..	3
Tin Ingots .. .. .	..	..	4	1
Vehicles	220	284	548	612
Zinc Bars, Blocks, &c.	769	887	1,636	1,615
Other Metals and Manufactures	698	588	1,635	1,167
Electrical Appliances and Equipment	359	315	705	666
Machines and Machinery	1,163	1,055	2,802	2,302
Total, Class XII.	10,701	6,361	19,860	12,066
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER.				
Rubber and Manufactures	33	55	67	99
Leather	399	353	764	760
Leather Manufactures, &c.	27	14	44	39
Total, Class XIII.	459	422	875	898
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER.				
Timber	533	609	959	1,025
Wood and Wicker Manufactures, including Furniture	52	53	93	107
Total, Class XIV.	585	662	1,052	1,132
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, GLASS AND STONEWARE	108	157	225	282
CLASS XVI.—PAPER, ETC.				
Paper	37	36	93	65
Stationery	199	208	368	412
Total, Class XVI.	236	244	461	477

Value of Principal Articles, &c.—Exports—continued.
(£A'000 f.o.b.)

Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six Months ended December.	
	1948.	1949.	1948.	1949.
CLASS XVII.—FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY, ETC.				
Precious Stones, Unset—Pearls, Cameos, &c.	64	52	70	60
Other Jewellery, Timepieces, &c.	72	75	130	150
Total, Class XVII.	136	127	200	210
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS.				
Films for Cinematographs, &c.	52	74	97	147
Photographic Goods, &c.	59	83	135	186
Talking Machines, &c.	27	23	41	40
Other Instruments	129	70	193	197
Total, Class XVIII.	267	250	466	570
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS, AND FERTILIZERS.				
Fertilizers	11	13	12	13
Medicines	381	222	600	458
Oils—				
Eucalyptus	43	32	77	67
Other	16	24	38	34
Perfumery and Preparations	61	65	146	130
Other Drugs and Chemicals	381	368	718	598
Total, Class XIX.	893	724	1,591	1,300
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.				
Arms, Ammunition and Explosives	470	486	1,239	956
Goods Exported per parcel post	141	204	217	384
Miscellaneous Articles to Pacific Islands	60	81	124	155
Personal and Household Effects	201	150	356	329
Vessels transferred abroad	219	10	332	59
All other Articles	315	289	562	566
Total, Class XX.	1,406	1,220	2,830	2,449
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER, AND BRONZE SPECIE.				
Gold	2	..	2	1
Silver, including Silver in matte	414	387	893	569
Bronze Specie . . . . .	..	..	35	..
Total, Class XXI.	416	387	930	570
TOTAL EXPORTS.				
States of Final Shipment—				
New South Wales	48,831	51,962	88,090	91,223
Victoria	34,022	37,822	61,592	62,944
Queensland	26,270	26,689	52,949	48,754
South Australia	20,770	16,899	37,364	27,126
Western Australia	12,189	14,164	22,282	24,392
Tasmania	1,672	2,107	3,945	4,481
Northern Territory	2	4	19	5
Total { Australian Produce	142,956	148,507	263,393	256,668
Other Produce	1,100	1,140	2,848	2,257
Total { Merchandise	143,640	149,260	265,311	258,355
Bullion and Specie	416	387	930	570
GRAND TOTAL	144,056	149,647	266,241	258,925
Value of Australian Gold Production	2,499	3,545	5,246	5,969

**PRINCIPAL AGRICULTURAL, PASTORAL AND DAIRY PRODUCE OF AUSTRALIAN
ORIGIN EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.**

Year.	Butter.	Cheese.	Meats.			
			Bacon and Hams.	Beef.(a)	Mutton and Lamb.	Pork

QUANTITY.
(Centalis.)

1938-39 ..	2,295,428	359,236	17,391	2,719,638	1,864,885	307,164
1945-46 ..	1,376,113	327,662	117,138	1,107,913	565,747	307,729
1946-47 ..	1,336,423	535,553	66,490	1,803,385	1,643,029	187,053
1947-48 ..	1,847,738	509,445	54,835	2,371,501	1,224,829	37,281
1948-49 ..	1,835,556	582,533	66,192	1,916,530	1,148,632	201,259
1949-50 (six months) ..	491,028	164,203	32,096	1,270,317	771,863	63,911

VALUE.
(£A'000 f.o.b.)

1938-39 ..	12,892	1,074	120	4,324	4,807	882
1945-46 ..	12,272	1,689	1,039	2,834	1,540	1,205
1946-47 ..	12,570	2,643	578	4,582	4,544	844
1947-48 ..	20,629	3,253	533	6,192	4,248	208
1948-49 ..	23,811	4,097	674	5,823	4,184	1,199
1949-50 (six months) ..	6,694	1,295	388	4,357	3,127	429

Year.	Fruits, Dried.		Fruits Preserved in Liquid.	Wheat.	Flour.	Wool.	
	Vine.	Tree.				Greasy.	Scoured (b)

QUANTITY.

	Centalis.	Centalis.	Centalis.	Bushels.	Centalis.	Centalis.	Centalis.
1938-39 ..	1,642,128	39,152	812,788	63,129,023	14,501,304	7,933,845	708,812
1945-46 ..	880,989	30,721	367,344	12,484,156	10,377,511	7,113,581	945,167
1946-47 ..	915,144	41,890	716,887	12,175,543	15,301,958	10,194,503	1,908,254
1947-48 ..	928,030	39,561	847,967	60,173,560	15,687,411	7,742,229	1,635,748
1948-49 ..	1,131,874	47,880	1,050,956	82,762,168	17,059,055	9,816,468	1,568,667
1949-50 (6 months)	415,076	49,392	675,507	35,913,695	8,313,673	4,982,192	763,287

VALUE.
(£A'000 f.o.b.)

1938-39 ..	2,747	118	1,267	8,735	4,540	37,305	5,324
1945-46 ..	1,951	198	892	6,223	11,337	56,390	12,870
1946-47 ..	2,157	273	2,114	6,338	22,535	96,830	29,274
1947-48 ..	2,264	279	2,763	52,813	31,823	118,617	30,121
1948-49 ..	3,094	343	3,694	66,767	35,087	195,795	35,869
1949-50 (6 months)	1,162	327	2,138	26,165	14,189	101,481	18,433

(a) Includes Veal.

(b) Includes Tops, Nolls and Waste.

**PRINCIPAL AGRICULTURAL, PASTORAL AND DAIRY PRODUCE OF AUSTRALIAN
ORIGIN EXPORTED TO VARIOUS COUNTRIES.**

Country to which Exported.	BUTTER.				CHEESE.			
	Six Months ended December—							
	1948.		1949.		1948.		1949.	
	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.
United Kingdom ..	71,554	8,691	40,850	5,332	21,218	1,371	11,799	816
Australian Territories ..	186	26	212	34	37	4	40	5
Ceylon ..	909	114	927	143	581	37	228	28
Cyprus ..	117	16	83	12	14	1	49	6
Guiana (British) ..	464	63	533	92	375	22	149	15
Hong Kong ..	584	77	693	108	447	29	245	24
India ..	74	10	212	35	386	37	351	43
Malaya, Federation of ..	316	49	350	69	227	16	176	20
Malta ..	448	54	331	50	201	19	202	20
Rhodesia, Southern ..	224	26	246	33	102	7	39	4
Singapore ..	1,109	142	446	66	170	18	676	73
Trinidad and Tobago ..	988	132	599	84	441	34	388	32
Other British Countries	3,291	583	1,656	292	585	57	826	71
Belgian Dependencies—								
Belgian Congo ..	160	20	273	48	15	2	24	3
Burma ..	144	23	295	55	15	2	..	..
Egypt ..	441	64	381	59	79	6	341	36
Philippines Republic ..	167	24	271	51	191	19	373	45
Poland ..	96	13	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other Foreign Countries	1,111	155	745	131	902	73	514	54
States of Final Ship- ment—								
New South Wales ..	2,782	365	4,485	649	654	61	549	58
Victoria ..	37,442	4,908	14,976	1,949	13,765	959	7,545	630
Queensland ..	32,838	3,937	22,391	3,127	3,846	273	1,581	147
South Australia ..	3,756	419	2,784	385	7,319	434	6,741	459
Western Australia ..	3,931	449	2,736	354	402	27	4	1
Tasmania ..	1,634	204	1,731	230	..	..	..	..
Total ..	82,383	10,282	49,103	6,694	25,986	1,754	16,420	1,295

Country to which Exported.	BACON AND HAMS.				BEEF (including Veal)—Frozen and Chilled.			
	Six Months ended December—							
	1948.		1949.		1948.		1949.	
	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.
United Kingdom ..	1,199	45	431	39	128,425	3,557	103,763	3,375
Australian Territories ..	115	14	78	10	374	22	404	31
Bermuda ..	184	23	93	14	603	36	874	61
Ceylon ..	87	10	150	18	389	16	383	18
Gibraltar ..	14	2	..	..	1,649	46	1,518	53
Hong Kong ..	513	64	513	64	4,770	148	3,929	135
Malta ..	4	1	39	5	4,501	125	3,302	112
Singapore ..	678	78	619	71	4,271	142	4,217	155
Trinidad and Tobago ..	278	33	263	36	1,591	73	1,962	100
Other British Countries	396	45	431	59	789	37	1,555	89
Egypt ..	262	29	273	31	2,196	91	4,543	185
Japan ..	42	4	..	..	93	4	52	2
Philippines Republic ..	237	31	154	22	..	..	..	..
Other Foreign Countries	155	16	166	19	1,562	94	530	41
States of Final Ship- ment—								
New South Wales ..	924	109	789	101	5,025	184	1,899	86
Victoria ..	1,260	78	480	55	1,873	97	997	37
Queensland ..	1,475	159	1,449	175	129,530	3,765	105,444	3,657
South Australia ..	182	17	182	24	253	12	211	6
Western Australia ..	323	32	310	33	14,532	333	18,481	571
Total ..	4,164	395	3,210	388	151,213	4,391	127,032	4,357

Principal Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairy Produce of Australian Origin Exported to Various Countries—continued.

Country to which Exported.	MUTTON AND LAMB—FROZEN.				PORK.			
	Six Months ended December—							
	1948.		1949.		1948.		1949.	
	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.
United Kingdom ..	23,504	855	70,741	2,853	3,028	148	4,895	314
Bermuda	343	23	..	..	107	11	125	16
Ceylon	375	20	404	21	137	7	11	1
Singapore	1,058	48	1,013	42	260	17	373	28
Other British Countries	1,753	72	1,982	92	524	30	634	43
Egypt	649	27	2,885	106	557	39	335	26
Other Foreign Countries	157	10	161	13	36	3	18	1
States of Final Ship- ment—								
New South Wales ..	9,895	376	15,202	641	492	38	446	38
Victoria	7,459	290	47,567	1,806	459	30	951	69
Queensland	429	15	64	3	3,252	161	4,527	284
South Australia ..	6,354	247	10,184	480	63	4	327	27
Western Australia ..	3,702	127	4,169	197	383	22	107	8
Tasmania .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	83	3
Total	27,839	1,055	77,186	3,127	4,649	255	6,391	429

Country to which Exported.	DRIED VINE FRUITS—CURRANTS.				DRIED VINE FRUITS—RAISINS (including Sultanias and Lexias).			
	Six Months ended December—							
	1948.		1949.		1948.		1949.	
	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.
United Kingdom ..	4,065	79	619	17	21,008	501	1,124	38
Canada ..	6,189	154	3,854	91	32,106	960	25,952	633
New Zealand ..	1,318	31	1,451	39	8,216	252	6,727	223
Singapore ..	471	11	56	2	105	4	67	3
Other British Countries	252	6	257	9	778	29	603	27
Sweden ..	..	..	..	..	1,120	45	448	15
Other Foreign Countries	62	2	103	4	102	4	247	11
States of Final Ship- ment—								
New South Wales ..	19	1	18	..	35	1	18	1
Victoria ..	8,954	200	2,397	62	56,982	1,592	32,561	898
Queensland ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
South Australia ..	2,740	67	3,330	84	6,331	198	2,588	101
Western Australia ..	644	15	594	16	87	4	..	..
Tasmania ..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	12,357	283	6,340	162	63,435	1,795	35,168	1,000

Principal Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairy Produce of Australian Origin Exported to Various Countries—*continued.*

Country to which Exported.	DRIED TREE FRUITS.				FRUITS PRESERVED IN LIQUID.			
	Six Months ended December—							
	1948.		1949.		1948.		1949.	
	'000 lb.	£A'000 f.o.b.	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.
United Kingdom ..	1,600	101	1,734	99	52,324	1,738	43,086	1,042
Canada ..	56	1	..	..	7,139	310	7,911	385
Hong Kong ..	20	1	13	1	415	15	585	2
New Zealand ..	526	40	1,912	141	5,136	179	6,701	270
Singapore ..	21	2	95	6	1,365	52	898	31
Other British Countries	307	20	321	17	2,076	84	4,518	237
Belgium ..	..	..	..	..	325	20	5	..
Egypt ..	64	6	103	3	472	18	1,409	56
Germany ..	..	..	..	..	757	27	652	24
Japan ..	21	4	..	..	6	..	..	..
Other Foreign Countries	551	42	761	60	1,337	55	1,786	69
States of Final Ship- ment—								
New South Wales ..	588	44	1,359	79	11,151	421	9,538	365
Victoria ..	179	13	1,481	106	53,869	1,765	46,726	1,234
Queensland ..	9	1	20	1	4,808	258	8,866	451
South Australia ..	281	22	891	60	1,000	37	1,214	50
Western Australia ..	61	5	285	18	56	2	446	15
Tasmania ..	2,048	132	903	63	468	21	761	23
Total ..	3,166	217	4,939	327	71,352	2,504	67,551	2,138

Country to which Exported.	WHEAT.				FLOUR.			
	Six Months ended December—							
	1948.		1949.		1948.		1949.	
	'000 bushels.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 bushels.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 centals.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 centals.	£A'000. f.o.b.
United Kingdom ..	15,899	13,621	9,367	6,166	2,732	5,745	703	1,091
Aden ..	..	..	..	..	700	1,472	104	152
Ceylon ..	7	1	4	3	1,633	3,438	1,628	2,870
Eire ..	1,337	1,416	321	207	..	..	..	..
India ..	7,868	7,456	18,863	14,176	699	1,558	2,806	4,876
Malaya, Federation of ..	8	7	67	63	1,265	2,651	597	996
New Zealand ..	3,596	1,256	3,176	2,334	67	55	1	4
Pacific Islands ..	1	1	1	1	119	237	155	214
Rhodesia, Southern ..	288	306	363	331	72	149	..	..
Singapore ..	24	25	32	32	208	438	131	222
Union of South Africa ..	1,623	1,638	..	..	..	..	5	9
Other British Countries	283	258	800	555	350	761	1,331	2,218
Belgium ..	703	746	..	..	..	..	..	..
Brazil ..	..	..	..	..	190	510	6	10
Egypt ..	604	507	1,404	976	656	1,384	56	97
France ..	958	952	..	..	..	..	..	..
French Dependencies—								
Indo-China ..	..	..	..	..	60	146	2	4
Madagascar ..	..	..	..	..	51	150	..	..
Tunisia ..	334	355	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other ..	1	1	1	1	146	335	70	130
Iraq ..	345	293	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lebanon ..	19	17	..	..	259	611	81	137
Netherlands ..	352	372	..	..	..	..	..	..
Persia (Iran) ..	1,372	1,234	99	70	..	..	..	..
Sweden ..	746	766	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other Foreign Countries	854	600	1,416	1,250	241	630	638	1,159
States of Final Ship- ment—								
New South Wales ..	19,492	16,905	10,167	7,299	3,031	6,485	2,892	4,917
Victoria ..	2,779	2,219	9,791	7,120	3,070	6,642	2,945	4,916
Queensland ..	972	422	2,207	1,710	105	233	45	74
South Australia ..	8,128	7,103	4,540	3,613	1,715	3,628	1,169	2,073
Western Australia ..	5,851	5,179	9,209	6,423	1,527	3,282	1,263	2,209
Total ..	37,222	31,828	35,914	26,165	9,448	20,270	8,314	14,189

**Principal Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairy Produce of Australian Origin Exported
to Various Countries—continued.**

Country to which Exported.	WOOL—GREASY.				WOOL—SCOURED, TOPS, NOILS AND WASTE.			
	Six Months ended December—							
	1948.		1949.		1948.		1949.	
	'000 centals.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 centals.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 centals.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 centals.	£A'000. f.o.b.
United Kingdom ..	1,528	27,813	1,753	35,941	228	4,895	346	7,985
Canada ..	15	300	21	515	64	1,405	57	1,415
Hong Kong ..	..	..	..	..	4	164	1	44
India ..	6	78	..	6	24	500	2	48
New Zealand ..	2	34	2	46	3	114	4	140
Other British Countries	..	3	6	111	2	26	1	32
Belgium ..	457	6,908	603	8,871	40	630	50	1,030
China ..	..	13	..	..	17	587	1	43
Denmark ..	3	58	..	..	16	369	18	479
Egypt ..	2	30	1	11	5	179	2	87
France ..	1,204	20,694	812	14,919	141	3,294	64	1,431
Germany ..	28	605	264	5,731	1	40	23	618
Italy ..	473	8,884	219	3,677	50	955	23	511
Japan ..	64	1,503	315	7,123	..	..	..	6
Korea ..	..	..	..	..	5	136	..	..
Mexico ..	8	195	14	360	2	67	1	51
Netherlands ..	43	1,089	32	737	11	239	21	539
Poland ..	130	3,117	171	4,633	1	23	2	59
Soviet Union (U.S.S.R.)—								
Baltic and Northern								
Ports ..	28	709	67	2,158	..	..	..	..
Black Sea Ports ..	169	3,758	41	1,173	2	66	..	..
Pacific Coast Ports ..	24	676	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sweden ..	10	222	8	202	30	535	30	802
United States of America	340	8,309	545	12,608	45	1,056	85	2,178
Other Foreign Countries	82	1,909	108	2,659	28	780	32	935
States of Final Ship-								
ment—								
New South Wales ..	1,747	29,306	2,487	46,776	223	4,635	279	6,203
Victoria ..	876	17,026	820	19,003	218	4,732	216	5,119
Queensland ..	1,105	23,678	800	17,430	99	2,868	81	2,222
South Australia ..	473	8,680	451	9,060	104	2,397	75	2,008
Western Australia..	413	8,184	423	9,206	57	1,145	89	2,356
Tasmania ..	2	33	1	6	18	283	23	525
Total ..	4,616	86,907	4,982	101,481	719	16,060	763	18,433

Section V.—Finance.

(A.) COMMONWEALTH FINANCE.

COMMONWEALTH CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND.

Receipts.

(£'000.)

Sources of Revenue.	1938-39.	1946-47.	1947-48.	1948-49.	6 months ended December, 1949.
TAXATION—					
Customs	31,161	45,871	57,597	63,465	36,879
Excise	16,472	56,375	58,008	62,735	32,675
Sales Tax	9,308	36,265	34,728	39,029	20,177
Flour Tax	1,809	1,747	985	1	..
Land Tax	1,489	3,679	3,641	3,032	962
Income Taxes(a)	11,883	207,765	232,900	272,347	86,564
Pay-roll Tax .. .. .	..	13,647	16,595	19,803	10,775
Gold Tax .. .. .	..	556	11	—5	—9
Estate Duty	1,915	4,019	4,555	4,740	2,993
Gift Duty .. .. .	..	545	781	582	372
Entertainments Tax .. .. .	..	5,138	5,198	5,299	2,324
Wool Levy(b)	74	12	..	..	..
Wool Contributory Charge(c) .. .. .	..	4,497	1,424	1,029	579
Wheat Export Charge(c) .. .. .	..	5,500	5,730	18,086	7,242
Stevedoring Industry Charge(c) .. .. .	..	..	260	670	299
Total, Taxation	74,111	385,616	422,413	490,813	201,832
BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS—					
Postmaster-General's Department	17,366	29,802	31,390	33,307	18,255
Railways—					
Trans-Australia	331	692	754	888	402
Central Australia	138	395	384	679	423
North Australia	50	58	37	29	15
Australian Capital Territory	7	9	15	9	8
Total, Railways	526	1,154	1,190	1,605	848
Broadcasting Services	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	992
Total, Business Undertakings	17,892	30,956	32,580	34,912	20,095
TERRITORIES(e)	356	571	666	739	405
OTHER REVENUE—					
Coinage	128	..	497	635	..
Defence	151	239	216	352	158
Civil Aviation	6	961	1,595	1,998	705
Health	18	16	14	20	12
Attorney-General	111	155	178	176	92
Commerce	6	24	—22	235	7
Shipping and Fuel	152	148	176	478	114
Net Profit, Note Issue	767	3,792	4,087	4,460	2,318
Other	1,367	(f) 8,778	(g) 3,505	(h) 19,559	(i) 8,048
Total	2,706	14,113	10,246	27,913	11,454
GRAND TOTAL	95,065	431,256	465,905	554,377	233,786
PER HEAD OF POPULATION(j)—					
Taxation	£ s. d. 10 13 9	£ s. d. 51 5 7	£ s. d. 55 5 9	£ s. d. 62 18 8	£ s. d. 25 17 7
Business Undertakings	2 11 7	4 2 4	4 5 3	4 9 6	2 11 6
Other	0 8 10	1 19 0	1 8 7	3 13 6	1 10 5
Total	13 14 2	57 6 11	60 19 7	71 1 8	29 19 6

(a) Includes Social Services Contribution, War-time (Company) Tax, Undistributed Profits Tax and Super Tax. (b) For Publicity and Research. (c) Paid to Trust Fund for assistance to industry concerned. (d) Part included with Postmaster-General's Department. Balance included in Wireless Broadcasting Trust Account revenue. (e) Excludes Railways—see Business Undertakings. (f) Includes £7,075,000 surplus from Wool Committee operations. (g) Includes Wool Committee operations surplus £125,000, and Eggs—War-time Control surplus £350,000.

(h) Includes Wool Committee operations surplus £103,000, Eggs—War-time Control surplus £110,000 and surplus balances of Trust Accounts £17,000,000. (i) Includes surplus balances of Trust Accounts £6,700,000. (j) Based on mean population for each financial year.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) indicates an excess of refunds or transfers from one head of receipts to another.

Commonwealth Consolidated Revenue Fund—continued—Expenditure.
(£'000.)

Heads of Expenditure.	1938-39.	1946-47.	1947-48.	1948-49.	6 months ended December, 1949.
Administrative and Miscellaneous Services	5,703	21,127	34,027	38,865	21,023
Interest and Sinking Fund Payments(a) ..	3,835	3,172	3,170	3,487	1,817
Capital Works and Services, n.e.i.(b) ..	1,983	13,904	18,931	27,269	19,390
National Welfare Fund and Social Services(c)	16,428	64,647	88,043	110,058	46,933
War (1914-18) and Repatriation Services—					
Interest and Sinking Fund Payments(a)	9,665	9,039	9,032	8,979	4,357
War Pensions	8,227	9,302	9,564	11,245	5,832
Other Services	1,365	918	1,078	1,423	820
Total, War (1914-18), &c. ..	19,257	19,259	19,674	21,647	11,009
Defence Services(d)	7,506	116,375	68,330	55,904	18,463
War (1939-45) and Repatriation Services—					
Interest and Sinking Fund Payments(a)	..	46,070	48,233	48,782	25,364
War Pensions .. .. .	..	6,762	7,604	9,024	5,238
Other Services .. .. .	..	20,270	52,595	76,757	Cr. 6,964
Total, War (1939-45), &c. ..	..	73,102	108,432	134,563	23,688
Business Undertakings—					
Postmaster-General's Department—					
Interest and Sinking Fund Payments(a)	2,887	3,271	3,238	3,252	1,718
Capital Works and Services ..	3,701	7,161	8,260	12,520	6,503
Other	12,141	23,485	28,933	37,632	19,443
Total, Postmaster-General's Department	18,729	33,917	40,431	53,404	27,664
Railways—					
Interest and Sinking Fund Payments(a)	525	532	507	501	311
Capital Works and Services ..	142	114	148	223	42
Other	826	1,389	1,582	2,093	1,133
Total, Railways	1,493	2,035	2,237	2,817	1,486
Broadcasting Services—					
Capital Works and Services ..	..	..	..	..	59
Other .. .. .	..	..	..	35	1,250
Total, Broadcasting Services ..	..	..	..	35	1,309
Total, Business Undertakings ..	20,222	35,952	42,668	56,256	30,459
Territories(e)—					
Interest and Sinking Fund Payments(a)	375	353	357	358	233
Capital Works and Services ..	739	1,226	1,448	2,028	1,435
Other—					
Northern Territory	323	752	793	1,037	564
Australian Capital Territory ..	340	662	763	958	469
Papua-New Guinea	48	1,520	2,271	3,409	1,930
Norfolk Island	5	4	4	5	2
Total, Territories	1,839	4,517	5,636	8,395	4,633
Payments to or for the States—					
Interest on States' Debts(f) ..	7,585	7,585	7,585	7,585	3,792
Sinking Fund on States' Debts ..	1,478	1,636	1,732	1,852	989
Special Grants	2,020	(g) 6,881	6,042	7,450	6,204
Grants for Federal Aid Roads and Works	4,266	4,805	6,707	7,630	4,517
Tax Reimbursement Grants ..	..	39,464	44,588	53,488	24,884
Other	300	10	6	599	(h) 8,164
Total to or for the States ..	15,649	60,381	66,660	78,604	48,550
Primary Production—Self-balancing items	2,015	(i) 18,820	(i) 8,914	(i) 19,329	7,821
Grand Total	94,437	431,256	464,485	554,377	233,786
Per Head of Population(j) ..	£ s. d. 13 12 5	£ s. d. 57 6 11	£ s. d. 60 15 11	£ s. d. 71 1 8	£ s. d. 29 19 6

(a) Includes exchange on interest payments. (b) Includes Defence Services, excludes Business Undertakings and Territories. (c) For expenditure on Social Services, see page 51. (d) Expenditure on the Departments of Defence, Navy, Army, Air and Supply and Development (Munitions, &c.). Excludes Capital Works and Services. (e) Excludes Railways—see Business Undertakings. (f) Excludes balance of interest payable on States Debt (recoverable from States). (g) Includes Income Tax Reimbursement—Special Grants, £2,133,000. (h) Includes Coal Strike—Emergency Grant, £8,000,000. (i) In addition, the following amounts for assistance to primary producers were provided under War Services:—1946-47, £7,720,000; 1947-48, £10,808,000; and 1948-49, £8,248,000. (j) Based on mean population for each financial year.

COMMONWEALTH EXPENDITURE ON SOCIAL SERVICES.

(£'000.)

Item.	1938-39.	1946-47.	1947-48.	1948-49.	6 months ended December, 1949.
Age and Invalid Pensions	15,992	29,417	36,526	41,694	21,666
Funeral Benefits .. ..	..	209	210	253	139
Child Endowment .. ..	..	19,863	19,426	24,323	16,086
Widows' Pensions .. ..	..	3,366	3,904	4,388	2,384
Maternity Allowances	437	3,026	2,854	2,829	1,499
Unemployment and Sickness Benefits ..	..	1,650	1,217	1,070	1,834
Hospital Benefits .. ..	..	4,380	4,448	5,881	2,929
Tuberculosis Benefits .. ..	..	110	28	156	90
Pharmaceutical Benefits .. ..	..	..	..	149	108
Community Rehabilitation .. ..	..	..	..	34	101
Mental Institutions .. ..	..	..	..	..	57
Miscellaneous .. ..	..	..	..	..	40
Total	16,429	62,021	68,613	80,777	46,933

COMMONWEALTH EXPENDITURE FROM GENERAL LOAN FUND.

(£'000.)

Particulars.	1938-39.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48.	1948-49.	Total to 30th June, 1949.
War (1914-18) and Repatriation Services .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	372,990
Defence and War (1939-45) Services and Post-war Charges .. ..	..	152,948	87,894	..	Cr. 18,733	1,559,430
Works and Services—						
Defence Buildings, Works, Sites	1,912	..	..	..	..	8,694
Civil Aviation, Buildings and Works .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	213
Ships, Yards and Docks	Cr. 305	..	..	Cr. 165	Cr. 4	7,694
Lighthouses, Works and Services	Cr. 1	..	..	..	..	634
River Murray Waters Act .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	2,106
Postmaster-General's Department	Cr. 1	..	..	Cr. 1	Cr. 1	40,539
Health Buildings, Laboratories and Services .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	102
War Service Homes(a) .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	7,329
Railways .. ..	..	Cr. 7	Cr. 2	Cr. 4	Cr. 1	13,760
Territories(b)	Cr. 7	Cr. 9	Cr. 12	Cr. 9	Cr. 6	8,769
Other .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	3,109
Assistance to States—						
Housing .. ..	..	6,795	11,015	13,305	14,492	45,607
Other	1,996	..	..	..	..	13,943
Wheat Bounty .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	3,430
Total Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.	3,594	6,779	11,001	13,126	14,480	155,929
GRAND TOTAL	3,594	159,727	48,895	13,126	Cr. 4,253	2,088,349

(a) In addition, £13,045,000 was expended from War Loan Fund prior to 1923-24. Administration and other Public Buildings, A.C.T.

(b) Includes

PUBLIC LOANS RAISED IN AUSTRALIA FOR WAR (1939-45) AND OTHER PURPOSES.(a)

Month of Raising.	Amount Invited.	Number of Sub- scribers.	Allocation of Proceeds.			Rates of Interest.	Years of Maturity.
			Commonwealth.		States.		
			Defence, War (1939-45) and Post-war Charges.	Other Purposes.			
	£'000.		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	%	
1939-40—March ..	18,000	14,339	7,876	1,410	9,079	3½, 3¾	1945, 1950-56
May ..	20,000	32,792	20,583	..	..	2½, 3½	" "
1940-41—November ..	28,000	21,830	20,505	982	7,018	..	" "
April ..	35,000	57,217	27,872	1,940	6,060	2½, 3½	1946, 1950-56
1941-42—October ..	30,000	83,376	34,158	..	..	"	1945-46, 1950-57
February ..	35,000	244,566	48,331	..	..	"	1945-46, 1950-58
June ..	35,000	196,443	37,373	..	..	"	1946-47, 1950-58
1942-43—November ..	77,300	454,536	82,664	..	..	"	"
March ..	100,000	432,088	101,805	..	..	"	1947-48, 1950-59
1943-44—October ..	125,000	567,379	126,408	..	..	"	"
March ..	150,000	452,609	150,549	..	..	"	1948-49, 1950-60
1944-45—September ..	112,479	421,408	113,937	..	..	"	"
March ..	100,000	422,583	107,302	..	..	"	1949-50, 1950-61
1945-46—September ..	85,000	260,224	87,229	..	..	"	"
March ..	70,000	193,400	78,470	..	..	2, 3½	1949, 1955-58
1946-47—October ..	64,020	194,858	61,270	..	8,500	"	"
April ..	25,000	72,262	7,458	5,440	16,925	2, 3½	1950, 1956-59
1947-48—October ..	48,030	95,445	21,613	13,012	26,600	3½	1956-1959
April ..	35,000	87,452	6,624	7,645	29,028	"	1957-1960
1948-49—September ..	15,000	84,990	58	..	15,000	"	1962
March ..	43,233	54,804	30,474	7,140	24,145	2, 3½	1952, 1960-63
1949-50—September ..	25,155	63,488	..	..	45,167	"	1953, 1960-63
Total ..	1,276,217	..	1,172,359	37,569	187,522	..	..

(a) Excludes Redemption and Conversion Loans.

COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC DEBT.

For a summary of Commonwealth Public Debt as at 31st December, 1949, see page 62.

COMMONWEALTH AGE AND INVALID PENSIONS AT 30th JUNE, 19'9.

State.	Number of Pensioners at 30th June, 1949.			Number per 10,000 of Population.		Average Fortnightly Pension at 30th June, 1949.		Pensions Paid during 1948-49. (a)	
	Age.	Invalid.	Total Age and Invalid.	Age.	Inva- lid.	Age.	Inva- lid.	Amount.	Per head of Popn. (b)
New South Wales(c)	131,941	35,521	167,462	421	113	s. d.	s. d.	£	s. d.
Victoria ..	81,753	15,575	97,328	382	73	80 1	82 4	17,489,106	113 6
Queensland ..	43,684	12,469	56,153	380	108	82 2	81 11	10,244,132	96 11
South Australia(d)	29,258	4,987	34,245	426	73	82 8	83 8	5,941,139	104 9
Western Australia	23,739	4,340	28,079	446	81	81 11	83 9	3,584,978	105 9
Tasmania ..	10,952	3,164	14,116	446	117	81 2	81 9	2,921,040	111 10
Total ..	321,327	76,056	397,383	406	96	79 7	82 0	41,693,680	106 11

(a) Includes amounts paid to Benevolent Asylums and Hospitals for maintenance of pensioners and to pensioner inmates of these institutions and allowances to wives of invalid pensioners. (b) Based on mean population for the financial year. (c) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (d) Includes Northern Territory.

COMMONWEALTH AGE AND INVALID PENSIONS SUMMARY.

Year ended 30th June—	Number of Pensioners.			Number of Pensioners in each 10,000 of Population.(a)		Pension Payments during Year. (b)	Average Fortnightly Pension at 30th June.
	Age.	Invalid.	Total.	Age.	Invalid.		
1911 ..	75,502	7,451	82,953	168	17	£	s. d.
1912 ..	79,071	10,763	89,834	170	23	1,847,440	19 1
1913 ..	82,943	13,739	96,682	172	29	2,149,659	19 0
1914 ..	87,780	16,865	104,645	177	34	2,301,675	19 6
1915 ..	90,892	20,417	111,309	182	41	2,592,201	19 5
1916 ..	91,783	23,439	115,222	186	47	2,718,939	19 4
1917 ..	93,672	26,781	120,453	190	54	2,891,597	24 3
1918 ..	95,387	29,912	125,299	190	59	3,554,135	24 3
1919 ..	95,969	31,999	127,968	185	62	3,793,037	24 2
1920 ..	99,170	35,231	134,401	185	66	3,936,626	29 1
1921 ..	102,415	37,981	140,396	188	69	4,484,304	28 9
1922 ..	105,096	39,019	144,115	189	70	5,150,241	28 9
1923 ..	107,389	40,064	147,453	189	70	5,380,034	28 9
1924 ..	113,054	42,617	155,671	195	73	5,424,016	28 9
1925 ..	117,516	44,840	162,356	198	75	5,523,881	33 9
1926 ..	126,918	48,803	175,721	210	80	6,992,905	33 8
1927 ..	133,234	52,399	185,633	215	85	8,252,387	38 7
1928 ..	139,367	55,517	194,884	221	88	9,144,589	38 6
1929 ..	145,393	59,148	204,541	227	93	9,790,346	38 5
1930 ..	155,196	63,304	218,500	240	98	10,124,239	38 5
1931 ..	172,177	68,343	240,520	264	104	10,791,325	38 4
1932 ..	183,317	72,292	255,609	279	110	11,710,953	38 4
1933 ..	176,425	72,742	249,167	266	110	11,125,956	33 3
1934 ..	187,453	73,212	260,665	281	110	10,771,061	31 10
1935 ..	197,126	76,852	273,978	293	114	10,963,090	33 8
1936 ..	206,748	80,487	287,235	305	119	11,762,030	33 7
1937 ..	215,690	83,396	299,086	316	122	12,797,726	34 8
1938 ..	224,154	86,096	310,250	325	125	13,998,793	36 8
1939 ..	232,836	88,812	321,648	334	127	15,798,687	38 6
1940(c) ..	272,896	58,696	331,592	388	83	15,991,782	38 5
1941 ..	276,760	58,921	335,681	389	83	16,459,245	38 6
1942 ..	275,456	60,597	336,053	384	84	17,366,365	(d) 41 5
1943 ..	267,239	58,081	325,320	369	80	19,257,052	(d) 48 4
1944 ..	257,186	57,942	315,128	352	79	22,292,835	(d) 51 1
1945 ..	252,634	58,281	310,915	342	79	21,699,100	(d) 51 11
1946 ..	264,826	62,868	327,694	355	84	21,701,127	51 5
1947 ..	290,173	68,277	358,450	383	90	26,962,420	(d) 62 8
1948 ..	302,854	73,073	375,927	393	95	29,416,673	62 8
1949 ..	321,327	76,056	397,383	406	96	36,526,395	(d) 71 11
						41,693,680	(d) 81 5

(a) At 30th June. (b) Includes payments to Benevolent Asylums and Hospitals for maintenance of pensioners, and to pensioner inmates of these institutions, and from 1943 to 1944 includes allowances to wives of invalid pensioners. (c) At 30th June, all invalid pensioners qualified for age pensions by age and residence were transferred to the age pensions list. (d) Increases, including retail price adjustment, since December, 1940, were as follows:—2s. December, 1940; 1s. April, 1941; 4s. December 1941; 3s. April, 1942; 1s. October, 1942; 1s. January, 1943; 1s. April, 1943; 1s. August, 1943; 11s. July, 1945; 10s. July, 1947; 10s. October, 1948. Rate £4 5s. from 21st October, 1948. On 6th April, 1944 adjustment provision made on retail price index-numbers was abolished.

COMMONWEALTH CHILD ENDOWMENT AT 30th JUNE, 1949.

State.	Endowed Families.		Number per 10,000 of Population.		Amount paid during 1948-49.	
	Claims in Force.	Endowed Children. (a)	Claims.	Endowed Children.	Amount.	Per head of Population. (b)
	No.	No.			£	s. d.
New South Wales (c)	247,027	426,991	788	1,362	9,313,460	60 5
Victoria ..	157,625	265,672	738	1,243	6,153,650	58 3
Queensland ..	94,206	177,126	818	1,539	4,024,422	70 11
South Australia (d)	53,827	90,239	784	1,314	2,011,816	59 4
Western Australia ..	45,194	79,693	849	1,496	1,809,923	69 4
Tasmania ..	22,872	44,170	849	1,640	1,008,526	75 2
Abroad ..	68	103	..	..	1,611	..
Total 1948-49	620,819	1,083,994	785	1,370	24,323,413	62 5
1947-48	586,415	1,029,777	760	1,335	19,425,518	50 10

(a) Excludes endowed children in approved institutions—21,305 in 369 institutions at 30th June, 1949; 20,580 in 366 institutions at 30th June, 1948. (b) Based on mean population for the financial year. (c) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (d) Includes Northern Territory.

NOTE.—From 1st July, 1941, the scheme provided for payment of 5s. per week (increased to 7s. 6d. per week from 26th June, 1945, and to 10s. per week from 9th November, 1948) for each child in excess of one under sixteen years of age maintained in a family, and for each child under sixteen years of age in an approved institution.

COMMONWEALTH WIDOWS' PENSIONS AT 30th JUNE, 1949.(a)

State.	Pensions Current.(b)		Number of Children for whom Pensions Payable.	Average Fort-nightly rate of Pension.	Pensions paid during 1948-49.	
	Number.	Per 10,000 of Population.			Amount.	Per head of Population.(c)
					£	s. d.
New South Wales(d)	17,402	56	7,751	£ 3 19 10	1,761,978	11 5
Victoria ..	11,164	52	3,916	3 18 8	1,120,589	10 7
Queensland ..	6,879	60	3,025	4 1 7	719,521	12 8
South Australia (e)	3,514	51	1,328	3 18 11	364,211	10 9
Western Australia ..	2,883	54	1,213	4 0 3	280,360	10 9
Tasmania ..	1,409	52	658	3 18 5	141,809	10 7
Total 1948-49	43,251	55	17,891	3 19 8	4,388,468	11 3
1947-48	43,025	56	17,732	3 8 11	3,904,086	10 3

(a) The Commonwealth Government commenced to pay Widows' Pensions from 1st July, 1942. (b) Excludes eleven (1948-49) and six (1947-48) pensions in respect of pensioners in Benevolent Asylums. (c) Based on mean population for the financial year. (d) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (e) Includes Northern Territory.

COMMONWEALTH MATERNITY ALLOWANCES.

Number and Amount of Claims Paid.

(The Maternity Allowance Act came into force on 10th October, 1912.)

Year ended 30th June—	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	Australia.	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	£
1939 ..	30,860	20,819	12,880	7,162	5,213	3,940	42	80,916	436,614
1944 (b) ..	57,792	38,653	23,743	12,636	10,439	5,804	(c)	149,067	2,287,000
1945 ..	61,755	40,582	26,432	14,361	10,909	5,582	(c)	159,621	2,542,801
1946 ..	60,730	40,991	25,281	13,736	9,912	5,796	(c)	156,446	2,492,495
1947 ..	73,110	50,730	29,002	17,860	13,750	7,542	(c)	191,994	3,026,459
1948 ..	68,116	46,027	27,920	15,856	12,553	7,074	(c)	d 177,566	2,854,018
1949 ..	67,534	46,309	27,570	16,381	13,107	6,984	(c)	e 177,955	2,828,849
Total since 10.10.1912	1,730,186	1,144,380	667,335	385,511	286,395	185,561	1,124	4,400,582	32,746,567

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) From 1st July, 1943, the means test was abolished. From 1st July, 1947, the allowances payable were as follows: (i) no other children under 16 years, £15; (ii) one or two other children under 16 years, £16 (iii) three or more other children under 16 years, £17 10s. Where more than one child is born at a birth the allowance is increased by £5 in respect of each additional child born at that birth. (c) Included with South Australia. (d) Includes 20 claims paid abroad. (e) Includes 70 claims paid abroad. (f) Includes 90 claims paid abroad.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS.

For particulars of persons on benefit and benefits paid see page 77.

AUSTRALIAN WAR AND SERVICE PENSIONS AT 30th JUNE, 1949.

(i) War Pensions.

Place of Payment.	NUMBER OF WAR PENSIONERS.				AVERAGE FORTNIGHTLY RATE OF PENSIONS.		
	Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependants of Deceased Members of Forces.	Dependants of Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Total.	Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependants of Deceased and Incapacitated Members of Forces.	All War Pensioners.
New South Wales(a) ..	62,552	16,881	84,808	164,241	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Victoria ..	44,025	13,486	55,737	113,248	2 6 7	1 3 11	1 12 7
Queensland ..	19,395	5,043	27,119	51,557	2 8 7	1 7 9	1 15 10
South Australia(b) ..	14,959	3,744	22,581	41,284	2 5 9	1 2 9	1 11
Western Australia ..	16,935	4,231	25,619	46,785	2 11 2	1 3 0	1 13 3
Tasmania ..	6,372	1,626	9,595	17,593	2 3 11	1 0 10	1 9 1
United Kingdom ..	1,486	1,403	1,659	4,548	3 5 11	1 5 10	2 0 4
Elsewhere ..	392	144	323	859	2 19 2	2 12 2	2 14 5
					2 5 9	1 19 5	2 2 4
Total 1948-49 ..	166,116	46,558	227,441	440,115	2 8 0	1 4 9	1 13 6
1947-48 ..	158,773	46,393	210,435	415,601	2 1 7	1 2 11	1 10

(ii) Service Pensions.

Particulars.	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust. (b)	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
Pensions Current—							
Age (Members of Forces) ..	2,796	1,576	1,201	579	782	136	7,070
Permanently Unemployable—							
Members of Forces	1,283	1,072	887	556	579	236	4,613
Dependants ..	1,024	1,028	576	467	428	176	3,699
Sufferers from Pulmonary Tuberculosis—							
Members of Forces	115	88	28	17	19	4	271
Dependants ..	158	126	26	28	24	3	365
Total 1948-49 ..	5,376	3,890	2,718	1,647	1,832	555	16,018
1947-48 ..	5,217	3,985	2,592	1,654	1,715	527	15,690
Average Fortnightly Pensions—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Members of Forces ..	3 16 3	3 16 10	3 17 3	3 18 8	3 11 3	3 16 2	3 16 3
Dependants ..	2 3 0	2 3 1	2 4 8	2 3 5	2 2 7	2 6 0	2 3 5
All Pensioners 1948-49 ..	3 8 11	3 6 11	3 10 0	3 8 1	3 4 2	3 6 5	3 7 11
1947-48 ..	3 0 0	2 18 1	3 1 5	3 0 0	2 16 0	2 18 8	2 19 3

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

AUSTRALIAN WAR AND SERVICE PENSIONS EXPENDITURE.

(£.)

Place of Payment.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48.	1948-49.
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(i) War Pensions.

New South Wales(a) ..	3,661,182	4,068,399	4,874,706	5,663,529	5,984,610	6,713,900
Victoria ..	3,022,522	3,245,026	3,640,063	4,081,324	4,436,021	5,249,295
Queensland ..	1,177,089	1,291,869	1,466,574	1,616,412	1,793,996	2,074,951
South Australia(b) ..	763,350	851,527	1,049,763	1,243,066	1,402,474	1,717,225
Western Australia ..	941,924	1,052,734	1,264,951	1,427,953	1,499,821	1,758,028
Tasmania ..	523,675	551,350	624,354	726,216	782,474	908,734
Elsewhere ..	258,867	336,480	337,801	297,140	363,377	332,359
Total ..	10,348,609	11,397,385	13,258,217	15,055,640	16,262,773	18,754,492
Includes War (1939-45) ..	1,730,471	2,763,796	4,903,409	6,746,192	7,578,512	8,992,884

(ii) Service Pensions.

New South Wales(a) ..	216,001	199,535	253,274	275,948	446,404	441,541
Victoria ..	163,377	169,716	206,276	239,650	288,084	322,659
Queensland ..	113,143	113,847	141,965	155,988	198,257	226,079
South Australia(b) ..	63,525	66,651	85,803	102,937	121,638	142,015
Western Australia ..	72,096	72,158	86,339	95,786	144,936	150,375
Tasmania ..	24,392	27,089	31,223	33,811	38,793	46,286
Total ..	652,534	648,996	804,880	904,120	1,238,112	1,328,955
Includes War (1939-45) ..	6,403	7,528	11,372	15,786	25,315	30,830

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

COMMONWEALTH INCOME TAX, 1947-48. (a)

Grade of Actual Income.	Taxpayers.		Actual Income.		Net Tax Assessed.		
	No.	Per cent. of Total Individuals.	Amount.	Per cent. of Total Individuals.	Amount.	Per cent. of Total Individuals.	Amount per Taxpayer.
Individuals—			£'000.		£'000.		£ s. d.
Under £201 ..	497,884	20.40	77,320	8.22	3,026	2.19	6 1 7
£201-£500 ..	1,585,054	64.94	526,541	56.01	51,188	37.08	32 5 11
£501-£1,000 ..	277,234	11.36	179,643	19.11	29,417	21.31	106 2 2
£1,001 and over	80,624	3.30	156,582	16.66	54,407	39.42	674 16 6
Total Individuals	2,440,796	100.00	940,086	100.00	(b) 138,038	100.00	56 11 1
Companies ..	18,082	..	197,922	..	(c) 65,750	..	3,636 4 3
Grand Total ..	..	..	1,138,008	..	203,788	..	..

(a) Assessed on income for year 1946-47.

(b) Includes Net Social Services Contribution.

(c) Includes Super Tax, £4,205,094, and Undistributed Profits Taxes, £13,371,074.

COMMONWEALTH LAND TAX ASSESSMENTS.

Heading.	Assessment Year—				
	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.
NUMBER OF TAXPAYERS—	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Resident Owners	21,028	20,956	21,395	21,959	21,921
Absentee Owners	2,584	2,559	2,365	2,562	2,450
TOTAL	23,612	23,515	23,760	24,521	24,371
UNIMPROVED VALUE OF LAND AS RETURNED BY OWNERS—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Resident	225,775	228,207	234,273	244,513	244,223
Absentee	2,000	2,048	1,893	1,685	1,444
TOTAL	227,775	230,255	236,166	246,198	245,667
UNIMPROVED VALUE AS ASCERTAINED BY DEPARTMENT—					
Resident	257,347	257,277	272,109	277,242	275,289
Absentee	2,168	2,197	2,080	1,992	1,580
TOTAL	259,515	259,474	274,189	279,234	276,869
TAX ASSESSED ON—	£	£	£	£	£
Urban Land—Resident Owners ..	924,749	1,045,591	1,195,246	2,453,928	2,897,198
Absentee Owners	10,082	10,673	11,324	20,509	20,333
TOTAL	934,831	1,056,264	1,206,570	2,474,437	2,917,531
Rural Land—Resident Owners ..	339,487	372,713	388,763	784,293	889,928
Absentee Owners	3,267	3,342	4,248	6,113	5,204
TOTAL	342,754	376,055	393,011	790,406	895,132
All Land—Resident Owners ..	1,264,236	1,418,304	1,584,009	3,238,221	3,787,126
Absentee Owners	13,349	14,015	15,572	26,622	25,537
TOTAL	1,277,585	1,432,319	1,599,581	3,264,843	3,812,663
AREA OF RURAL LAND ASSESSED (a)	'000 ac.				
TAX ASSESSED ON RURAL LAND per ac.	57,636	56,696	56,131	63,556	62,702
	1 427d.	1 592d.	1 680d.	2 985d.	3 426d.

(a) Excludes Crown Leaseholds.

NOTE.—Figures for later years have not been compiled.

COMMONWEALTH ESTATE DUTY, 1948-49.

Grade of Dutiable Value.	Number of Estates. (a)	Gross Value as Assessed.	Dutiable Value.	Net Duty Payable.
£	No.	£'000.	£'000.	£
1-1,000	3,967	8,564	1,600	47,749
1,001-2,000	1,999	6,852	2,901	85,891
2,001-3,000	1,295	5,766	3,190	94,421
3,001-4,000	864	4,895	3,004	88,728
4,001-5,000	682	4,548	3,049	89,472
5,001-10,000	1,731	16,409	12,979	356,640
10,001-20,000	1,120	18,678	14,851	677,390
20,001-50,000	571	20,097	16,432	1,316,848
50,001 and over	121	13,908	10,834	2,145,213
Total	12,350	99,717	68,840	4,902,352

(a) Number of estates assessed during year 1948-49.

COMMONWEALTH SALES TAX.—Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods and Sales Tax payable—Australia.(a)
(£'000.)

Period.	Net Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods.	Taxable Sales.				Sales Tax Payable.
		7½ per cent.(b)	10 per cent.(c)	25 per cent.(c)	Total.	
1946-47.						
April	67,260	..	18,983	2,367	21,350	2,491
May	76,189	..	21,053	2,405	23,458	2,707
June	70,670	..	19,313	2,102	21,415	2,457
Total, June Quarter ..	214,119	..	59,349	6,874	66,223	7,655
Total, Year	801,003	38,151	222,268	34,538	294,957	35,782
1947-48.						
July	78,267	..	21,471	2,733	24,204	2,830
August	75,104	..	21,382	2,633	24,015	2,797
September	79,188	..	23,890	2,477	26,367	3,008
Total, September Quarter ..	232,559	..	66,743	7,843	74,586	8,635
October	81,464	..	25,499	1,278	26,777	2,870
November	80,554	..	25,196	1,485	26,681	2,891
December	79,441	..	25,507	1,364	26,871	2,892
Total, December Quarter ..	241,459	..	76,202	4,127	80,329	8,653
January	63,595	..	20,134	711	20,845	2,191
February	76,611	..	25,762	936	26,698	2,791
March	82,035	..	26,363	1,125	27,488	2,918
Total, March Quarter ..	222,241	..	72,259	2,772	75,031	7,900
April	87,515	..	29,102	1,060	30,162	3,175
May	81,188	..	25,457	1,013	26,470	2,799
June	89,296	..	26,903	829	27,732	2,898
Total, June Quarter ..	257,999	..	81,462	2,902	84,364	8,872
Total, Year	954,258	..	296,666	17,644	314,310	34,060
1948-49.						
July	90,657	..	29,494	1,037	30,531	3,209
August	91,518	..	28,420	1,040	29,460	3,102
September	97,294	..	30,984	1,097	32,081	3,373
Total, September Quarter ..	279,469	..	88,898	3,174	92,072	9,684
October	92,633	..	28,940	1,165	30,105	3,185
November	97,846	..	30,175	1,455	31,630	3,381
December	90,926	..	29,729	1,230	30,959	3,280
Total, December Quarter ..	281,405	..	88,844	3,850	92,694	9,846
January	73,887	..	21,981	646	22,627	2,360
February	90,676	..	27,920	932	28,852	3,025
March	101,456	..	33,452	1,091	34,543	3,618
Total, March Quarter ..	266,019	..	83,353	2,669	86,022	9,003
April	90,641	..	28,599	973	29,572	3,103
May	104,308	..	31,341	1,041	32,382	3,394
June	98,705	..	29,588	837	30,425	3,168
Total, June Quarter ..	293,654	..	89,528	2,851	92,379	9,665
Total, Year	1,120,547	..	350,623	12,544	363,167	38,198
1949-50.						
July	88,227	..	28,262	885	29,147	3,047
August(d)	95,800	..	31,200	1,100	32,300	3,395
September(d)	108,500	(e) 27,500	9,000	1,000	37,500	3,442
Total, September Quarter ..	(d)292,527	(e) 27,500	68,462	2,985	98,947	9,884

(a) From information obtained from returns made under the Sales Tax Acts. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade and exclude sales of vendors trading only in exempt goods. They also do not necessarily cover a constant proportion of all trade. Includes Taxable Imports and Tax collected at Customs House. (b) From 21st July, 1943, rationed clothing, &c., was reduced from 12½ per cent. to 7½ per cent. From 15th November, 1946, it was exempted. (c) The 10 per cent. rate came into operation on 15th November, 1946, and superseded the general rate of 12½ per cent., which, together with the 25 per cent. rate, operated from 1st May, 1942. On 8th September, 1949, the general rate was reduced to 8½ per cent. (d) Partly estimated. (e) 8½ per cent.

(B.) STATE FINANCE.

NOTE.—In respect of New South Wales the Consolidated Revenue Fund and Business Undertakings—Railways, Tramways and Omnibuses and Sydney Harbour Trust Section of Maritime Services Board—included in the Annual Budget Papers are represented in the following tables. However, the following adjustments have been made to the Budget figures for 1948-49 to obviate duplications within the combined accounts and to obtain uniformity with the other States:—(i) The payment to the Railways from Consolidated Revenue Fund to meet losses on developmental lines, £800,000 and (ii) Commonwealth Hospital Benefits, £1,780,000, paid to the Consolidated Revenue Fund and then distributed to Hospitals have been deducted from the Budget Revenue total of £98,912,000 and from Expenditure of £100,918,000. In addition, the following adjustments have been made on account of debt charge recoups to Consolidated Revenue Fund from business undertakings:—a deduction of £250,000 from revenue in respect of previous years and a deduction of £2,420,000 from expenditure in respect of the current year. Particulars for other States are restricted to the transactions of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

STATE REVENUES, 1948-49.

Sources of Revenue.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.(a)	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Taxation(b)	10,453	6,870	4,042	2,878	(c) 1,395	1,650	27,288
Railways	39,664	17,283	14,909	5,821	5,161	..	82,838
Tramways (d)	8,741	(e) 150	..	..	592	..	9,483
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings	1,569	3,024	1	2,568	1,975	5	9,142
Land	2,887	959	1,673	258	553	146	6,476
Interest n.e.i.	561	1,955	782	910	689	584	5,481
Commonwealth Payments (f)	25,014	14,299	10,004	8,220	8,600	2,932	69,069
All other Sources	7,193	2,302	1,568	1,190	1,596	423	14,272
Total Revenue	96,082	46,842	32,979	21,845	20,561	5,740	224,049
Total Revenue per head (g)	£ s. d. 31 7 2	£ s. d. 22 3 4	£ s. d. 29 1 3	£ s. d. 32 16 10	£ s. d. 39 7 6	£ s. d. 21 8 0	£ s. d. 28 16 11

Year ended 30th June—

STATE REVENUES 1938-39 AND 1945-46 TO 1948-49.

	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1939	51,098	26,985	19,330	12,304	10,950	3,615	124,282
1946	71,229	35,191	24,774	16,343	14,408	(a) 3,933	165,878
1947	72,782	37,359	25,033	17,193	14,981	(a) 4,507	171,855
1948	86,082	41,728	26,820	18,843	17,711	(a) 4,816	196,000
1949	96,082	46,842	32,979	21,845	20,561	(a) 5,740	224,049

STATE EXPENDITURES, 1948-49.

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.(a)	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Interest and Charges on Public Debt	15,327	8,696	6,443	5,378	4,497	1,574	41,915
Railways	34,560	17,024	13,687	6,691	6,795	7	78,764
Tramways (d)	8,465	..	..	..	685	..	9,150
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings	901	2,062	1	1,473	1,752	(h) 552	6,741
Education	11,422	7,232	3,638	2,258	2,077	1,151	27,778
Hospitals	6,965	3,099	2,482	1,458	1,164	635	15,803
Other Charities	1,936	931	881	298	394	202	4,642
All other Expenditure	16,342	9,181	5,797	4,574	4,014	1,724	41,632
Total Expenditure	95,918	48,225	32,929	22,130	21,378	5,845	226,425
Total Expenditure per head (g)	£ s. d. 31 6 1	£ s. d. 22 16 5	£ s. d. 29 0 5	£ s. d. 33 5 5	£ s. d. 40 18 9	£ s. d. 21 15 10	£ s. d. 29 3 0

Year ended 30th June—

STATE EXPENDITURES 1938-39 AND 1945-46 TO 1948-49.

	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1939	53,558	27,773	19,316	12,701	11,170	3,641	128,159
1946	70,858	35,185	24,760	16,343	14,408	(a) 4,034	165,588
1947	74,632	37,354	25,017	17,253	15,028	(a) 4,573	173,857
1948	86,204	42,282	26,914	19,156	18,062	(a) 5,102	197,720
1949	95,918	48,225	32,929	22,130	21,378	(a) 5,845	226,425

(a) Excludes particulars of transport services, now under control of Transport Commission. Motor taxation collections are also paid to the Commission's Fund. See note (h). (b) For total receipts from various forms of taxation, Commonwealth and State, 1948-49, see p. 61. Excludes Commonwealth tax reimbursements. (c) Gross collections. (d) Includes omnibuses. (e) Contribution to revenue by Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways. (f) Includes Commonwealth tax reimbursements. (g) Based on mean population for the financial year. (h) Losses of Transport Commission.

STATE NET LOAN EXPENDITURE DURING THE YEAR, 1948-49.
(£'000.)

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Vic.(a)	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
Works—							
Railways	8,099	1,344	1,069	901	360	400	12,173
Tramways (b) ..	1,374	..	..	291	97	..	1,762
Roads and Bridges ..	Cr. 28	365	709	Cr. 17	..	..	..
Harbours, Rivers, Lights, &c. ..	657	168	27	132	224	102	2,339
Water Supply and Sewerage	123	2,251	150	918	679	..	4,121
Electricity Supply ..	202	..	..	1,500	1,066	1,786	4,554
Public Buildings ..	2,619	1,608	1,142	436	549	465	6,819
Unemployment Relief ..	Cr. 57	Cr. 27	..	..	..	..	Cr. 84
Housing	1,394	34	Cr. 17	1,001	Cr. 1	75	2,486
Other(c)	473	221	717	Cr. 33	Cr. 73	933	2,384
Primary Production—							
Land Settlement (d) ..	4,200	2,648	133	Cr. 360	8	11	6,640
Water Conservation, Irrigation and Drainage ..	2,076	..	221	37	134	..	2,468
Other	924	976	1,715	546	280	Cr. 3	4,438
Other purposes .. ..	..	946	..	Cr. 138	111	14	933
Total Works, &c. ..	22,056	10,534	5,866	5,214	3,580	3,783	51,033
Per Head (e)	£ s. d. 7 4 0	£ s. d. 4 19 8	£ s. d. 5 3 5	£ s. d. 7 16 9	£ s. d. 5 17 2	£ s. d. 14 2 1	£ s. d. 6 11 5
Non-Works—							
Revenue, &c., Deficits ..	..	554	..	..	..	244	798
Other (f)	546	940	563	602	10	Cr. 11	2,650
Grand Total	22,602	12,028	6,429	5,816	3,590	4,016	54,481

TOTAL STATE NET LOAN EXPENDITURE TO 30th JUNE, 1949.
(£'000.)

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Vic.(a)(g)	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
Works—							
Railways	178,703	82,460	69,712	39,855	26,774	8,913	406,417
Tramways (b)	10,977	..	..	3,672	1,517	..	16,166
Roads and Bridges ..	20,991	13,125	7,430	3,859	3,183	..	..
Harbours, Rivers, Lights, &c. ..	24,522	1,707	3,665	8,948	8,052	7,895	103,377
Water Supply and Sewerage	41,388	38,394	1,332	26,904	16,684	..	124,702
Electricity Supply ..	3,259	17,839	..	3,500	4,001	11,853	40,452
Public Buildings ..	24,432	12,938	11,157	5,315	4,698	4,101	62,641
Unemployment Relief ..	16,221	13,147	..	..	..	334	29,702
Housing	4,086	3,157	4,022	8,997	787	586	21,635
Other (c)	10,917	2,897	24,023	2,319	2,147	4,578	46,881
Primary Production—							
Land Settlement (d) ..	22,888	57,215	5,646	10,315	13,126	2,370	111,560
Water Conservation, Irrigation and Drainage ..	24,200	..	2,408	9,431	4,652	..	40,691
Other	8,328	10,707	13,108	2,994	19,440	316	54,893
Other purposes	89	1,455	123	1,996	4,110	14	7,787
Total Works	391,001	255,041	142,626	128,105	109,171	40,960	1,066,904
Non-Works—							
Revenue, &c., Deficits ..	38,948	9,673	5,826	8,669	12,115	2,012	77,243
Other (f)	22,472	8,289	15,260	3,254	5,442	1,755	56,472
Grand Total	452,421	273,003	163,712	140,028	126,728	44,727	1,200,619

(a) Expenditure from Loan Fund and on account of Loans; includes expenditure from Loan Funds, from Treasurer's Advance Account and from State Loans Repayment Fund. (b) Includes Omnibuses. (c) Includes Loans to Local Bodies, &c. (d) Includes Advances to Settlers and Soldier Land Settlement. (e) Based on mean population for the financial year. (f) Discount and flotation expenses, exchange on remittances, &c. (g) Aggregate Gross Loan Expenditure.

STATE PUBLIC DEBT AND INTEREST PAYABLE AT 30th JUNE, 1949.

State.	Public Debt.				Interest Payable.			
	Aus- tralia.	London.	New York.	Total.	In Aus- tralia.	In London.	In New York.	Total.
	£'000. Aust.	£'000. Stg.	£'000. (a)	£'000. (b)	£'000. Aust.	£'000. Stg.	£'000. (a)	£'000. (c)
New South Wales ..	246,433	138,864	11,196	396,493	7,664	4,320	377	12,361
Victoria	146,653	51,682	4,548	202,883	4,862	1,659	183	6,704
Queensland	93,842	45,401	4,882	144,125	3,042	1,505	178	4,725
South Australia ..	87,653	35,298	1,769	124,720	2,853	1,078	72	4,003
Western Australia ..	61,897	38,986	2,033	102,916	1,980	1,199	93	3,272
Tasmania	30,395	7,116	236	37,747	995	223	8	1,226
Total	666,873	317,347	24,664	1,008,884	21,396	9,984	911	32,291

(a) Payable in dollars. For the purpose of this table dollars have been arbitrarily converted on the bases of \$4.8665 to £1. (b) The total "face" or "book" value of the State Public Debt leaving out of account currency changes since the loans were floated. (c) Nominal amount of interest payable—takes no account of exchange.

(C.) COMMONWEALTH AND STATE FINANCE.

(TABLES ON THIS PAGE ARE PREPARED FROM INFORMATION PUBLISHED IN THE MONTHLY STATEMENTS ISSUED BY EACH TREASURY.)

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

(£'000.)

Particulars.	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Six States.	Common- wealth.	Grand Total. (b)
Six months ended December, 1948.									
Revenue—									
Commonwealth Payments (c)	10,204	5,872	4,070	3,320	3,832	1,248	28,546	..	..
Taxation (d)	5,185	3,185	1,829	1,261	673	825	12,958	188,205	..
Business Undertakings—									
Railways	19,757	8,269	8,044	2,795	2,628	..	41,493	646	..
Other	4,800	31	..	1,363	1,226	..	7,420	(g)16,427	..
Other	5,120	2,427	1,909	974	1,350	498	12,278	21,447	..
Total	45,066	19,784	15,852	9,713	9,709	2,571	102,695	226,725	299,716
Expenditure—									
Payments to States	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	(h)32,714	..
Debt Services	7,656	4,300	3,167	2,669	2,410	789	20,991	33,193	..
Business Undertakings (i)—									
Railways	17,080	8,406	6,873	3,287	3,324	(j) 235	39,205	929	..
Other	4,474	206	..	655	772	..	6,107	(g)16,902	..
Other	16,691	10,219	6,112	3,987	3,724	1,718	42,451	k 142,987	..
Total	45,901	23,131	16,152	10,598	10,230	2,742	108,754	226,725	305,775
Surplus (+) or Deficit (—)	—835	—3,347	—300	—885	—521	—171	—6,059	..	—6,059

Six months ended December, 1949.

Revenue—									
Commonwealth Payments (c)	11,579	8,597	5,939	5,435	5,495	1,934	38,979	..	..
Taxation (d)	5,306	3,513	2,431	1,317	739	910	14,216	201,832	..
Business Undertakings—									
Railways	20,711	9,116	8,093	(e) 2,800	2,956	..	43,676	848	..
Other	5,455	(f) 61	..	1,458	1,245	..	8,219	(g)19,247	..
Other	9,234	2,382	1,999	1,139	1,527	588	16,869	11,859	..
Total	52,285	23,669	18,462	12,149	11,962	3,432	121,959	233,786	311,862
Expenditure—									
Payments to States	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	(h)48,550	..
Debt Services	7,636	4,567	3,364	2,737	2,574	811	21,689	33,800	..
Business Undertakings (i)—									
Railways	18,041	9,648	7,490	4,030	3,742	(j) 440	43,391	1,133	..
Other	5,002	(f) 145	..	835	868	..	6,850	(g)20,693	..
Other	23,556	12,269	7,471	(e) 4,607	4,486	2,266	54,655	k 129,610	..
Total	54,235	26,629	18,325	12,209	11,670	3,517	126,585	233,786	315,827
Surplus (+) or Deficit (—)	—1,950	—2,960	+137	—60	+292	—85	—4,626	..	—3,965

(a) Excludes Main Roads Department, Road Transport and Traffic Fund, and recoups of interest, &c., from undertakings outside the Budget. (b) To avoid duplication in aggregating particulars for the Commonwealth and States, the grand totals exclude payments by the Commonwealth to the States of compensation in respect of uniform taxation, interest on States' Debts, Special Grants, grants for prices, &c., control reimbursement and Coal Strike emergency grant, also deductions have been made of pay-roll tax payments by State Governments to the Commonwealth Government. (c) Includes Special Grants and amounts received in accordance with the *Financial Agreement Act 1927* and the *State Grants (Tax Reimbursement) Act 1946–1948*, &c. (d) Includes arrears of State income tax as State collections. (e) Excludes Treasury transfers to Railway Revenue, £1,897,000. (f) State Coal Mines. (g) Postmaster-General's Department and Broadcasting. (h) Includes payments to State Trust Funds. (i) Excludes interest, &c., charges. (j) Losses by Transport Commission. (k) Includes Defence Services (excluding interest, &c., charges), 1948, £20,286,000; 1949, £18,463,000.

NET LOAN EXPENDITURE ON WORKS.

(£'000.)

Six months ended December—	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total, Six States.	Common- wealth.(a)	Grand Total.
1948	8,655	3,459	2,330	1,250	1,495	1,653	18,842	8,137	26,979
1949	12,161	7,470	2,803	2,919	3,161	1,893	30,407	50,203	80,610

(a) Includes expenditure on War and Repatriation (1939–45) Services.

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH AND STATE, 1948-49.(a).

(£'000.)

State, &c.	Customs and Excise.	Income Taxes. (b)	Land Tax.	Probate and Succession Duties.	Other Stamp Duties (n.e.i.).	Motor Taxes.	Entertainments (including Racing).	All other Taxes.	Total Taxes.
New South Wales ..	..	143	2	4,872	2,810	3,958	1,355	1,272	14,412
Victoria ..	..	71	370	2,574	1,656	2,647	1,402	743	9,463
Queensland ..	..	20	374	1,262	1,268	1,498	165	786	5,373
South Australia ..	..	8	285	772	436	1,103	316	113	3,038
Western Australia ..	..	13	132	359	501	690	210	194	2,099
Tasmania ..	..	2	94	252	158	355	118	1,026	2,005
Total States ..	..	257	1,257	10,091	6,829	10,256	3,566	4,134	36,390
Commonwealth ..	126,200	272,347	3,032	4,740	..	..	5,299	79,195	490,813
Grand Total ..	126,200	272,604	4,289	14,831	6,829	10,256	8,865	83,329	527,203

PER HEAD OF POPULATION.(c)

(£ s. d.)

State, &c.	Customs and Excise.	Income Taxes. (b)	Land Tax.	Probate and Succession Duties.	Other Stamp Duties (n.e.i.).	Motor Taxes.	Entertainments (including Racing).	All other Taxes.	Total Taxes.
New South Wales ..	..	0 0 11	..	1 11 10	0 18 4	1 5 10	0 8 10	0 8 4	4 14 1
Victoria ..	..	0 0 8	0 3 6	1 4 4	0 15 8	1 5 1	0 13 3	0 7 1	4 9 7
Queensland ..	..	0 0 4	0 6 7	1 2 3	1 2 4	1 6 5	0 2 11	0 13 10	4 14 8
South Australia ..	..	0 0 3	0 8 7	1 3 3	0 13 1	1 13 4	0 9 6	0 3 4	4 11 4
Western Australia ..	..	0 0 6	0 5 0	0 13 9	0 19 2	1 6 5	0 8 1	0 7 6	4 0 5
Tasmania ..	..	0 0 2	0 7 0	0 18 9	0 11 9	1 6 5	0 8 10	3 16 7	7 9 6
Total States ..	..	0 0 8	0 3 3	1 6 0	0 17 7	1 6 5	0 9 2	0 10 7	4 13 8
Commonwealth ..	16 3 8	34 18 4	0 7 9	0 12 2	..	..	0 13 7	10 3 2	62 18 8
Grand Total ..	16 3 8	34 19 0	0 11 0	1 18 0	0 17 6	1 6 4	1 2 9	10 13 9	67 12 0

(a) Includes taxes paid to Special Funds. The collections have been grouped according to the nature of the tax rather than the method of collection. See page 49 for details of Commonwealth Taxation. (b) Excludes payments by Commonwealth to States under the *State Grants (Tax Reimbursement) Act 1946-48*. (c) Based on mean population for the financial year.

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH AND STATE.

(£'000.)

Year.	Taxation by Commonwealth Government.					Taxation by State Governments.	Total Taxation.
	Customs and Excise.	Income Taxes.	Sales Tax.	Other.	Total.		
1938-39 ..	47,633	11,883	9,308	5,287	74,111	50,507	124,618
1945-46 ..	77,961	214,594	33,600	27,056	353,211	(a) 25,060	378,271
1946-47 ..	102,246	207,765	36,265	39,340	385,616	(a) 28,426	414,042
1947-48 ..	115,605	232,900	34,728	39,180	422,413	(a) 32,132	454,545
1948-49 ..	126,200	272,347	39,029	53,237	490,813	(a) 36,390	527,203

PER HEAD OF POPULATION.(b)

(£ s. d.)

Year.	Customs and Excise.	Income Taxes.	Sales Tax.	Other.	Total.	Taxation by State Governments.	Total Taxation.
1938-39 ..	6 17 5	1 14 3	1 6 10	0 15 3	10 13 9	7 6 1	17 19 5
1945-46 ..	10 9 10	28 17 8	4 10 5	3 12 10	47 10 9	(a) 3 7 8	50 18 3
1946-47 ..	13 11 11	27 12 7	4 16 5	5 4 8	51 5 7	(a) 3 15 11	55 1 3
1947-48 ..	15 2 7	30 9 8	4 10 11	5 2 7	55 5 9	(a) 4 4 5	59 9 11
1948-49 ..	16 3 8	34 18 4	5 0 1	6 16 7	62 18 8	(a) 4 13 8	67 12 0

(a) Excludes payments by Commonwealth to States under Tax Reimbursement Acts. (b) Based on mean population of the Commonwealth and of the six States for each financial year.

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH REIMBURSEMENTS TO STATES AND STATE COLLECTIONS, 1948-49.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
Commonwealth Tax Re-imbursement ..	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
State Tax Collections ..	21,878	12,027	8,813	4,623	4,482	1,665	53,488
	14,412	9,463	5,373	3,038	2,099	2,005	36,390
Total ..	36,290	21,490	14,186	7,661	6,581	3,670	89,878
Per head of population	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	11 16 11	10 3 5	12 10 0	11 10 4	12 12 1	13 13 7	11 11 5

**COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PUBLIC DEBT, AND INTEREST PAYABLE
AT 31st DECEMBER, 1949.**

Debt on Account of—	Australia.	London.	New York.	Total.
Commonwealth—	£'000 (Aust.)	£'000 (Stg.)	£'000 (a)	£'000 (b)
War (1914-18)	156,748	(c) 8,334	..	165,082
War (1939-45)	1,517,294	5,775	..	1,523,069
Works and other Purposes	100,969	51,617	15,770	168,356
Total—Commonwealth Purposes	1,775,011	65,726	15,770	1,856,507
Per Head of Population (d)	£220 9 6	£8 3 3	£1 19 2	£230 1 11
State—				
Debts of the States ..	727,694	304,967	24,571	1,057,232
Per Head of Population (e) ..	£90 15 3	£38 0 9	£3 1 4	£131 17 4
Total Public Debt ..	2,502,705	370,693	40,341	2,913,739
Per Head of Population (d) ..	£310 17 3	£46 0 10	£5 0 3	£361 18 4

ANNUAL INTEREST PAYABLE.

Commonwealth—	£ (Aust.)	£ (Stg.)	£ (a)	£ (f)
War (1914-18)	5,749,565	(c) 251,611	..	6,001,176
War (1939-45)	39,485,162	231,000	..	39,716,162
Works and other Purposes ..	2,995,757	1,702,783	693,855	5,392,395
Total—Commonwealth Purposes	48,230,484	2,185,394	693,855	51,109,733
Average Rate per cent. (g) ..	£2 14 5	£3 6 6	£4 8 0	£2 15 2
State—				
Debts of the States ..	23,171,218	9,528,968	908,438	33,608,624
Average Rate per cent. (g) ..	£3 3 9	£3 2 6	£3 13 11	£3 3 7
Grand Total	71,401,702	11,714,362	1,602,293	84,718,357
Average Rate per cent. (g) ..	£2 17 2	£3 3 2	£3 19 5	£2 18 3

(a) Payable in dollars. For the purpose of this table, dollars have been arbitrarily converted on the basis of \$4.8665 to £1. (b) The total "face" or "book" values of the Public Debt of the Commonwealth and States, without adjustment or account of differences in currency (see footnote (a)).

(c) Excludes debt (£79,724,220) and interest payable (£3,919,774) due to United Kingdom Government under the *Funding Arrangements Act 1921*. Repayment of this debt and payment of interest were suspended in 1931 by arrangement with the United Kingdom Government. (d) Based on estimated population of Australia (including A.C.T. and N.T.) at 31st December, 1949. (e) Based on estimated aggregate population of the six States at 31st December, 1949. (f) Nominal amount (and average rate) of interest payable—takes no account of exchange. (g) Overdue debt, and War and National Savings Stamps are excluded for calculating average rate.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE SHORT-TERM DEBT.(a)
(£'000.)

Debt.	Where Redeemable.	At 30th June—								Six months ended December, 1949.
		1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	
Commonwealth	Australia £A.	80,481	259,250	343,280	343,280	343,280	278,280	208,280	123,280	178,280
	London £Stg.	3,470	3,220	2,970	2,720	2,470	2,220	1,970	1,720	1,470
State	Australia £A.	45,083	39,200	33,075	330					1,500
	London £Stg.	24,879	23,730	22,868	22,868	22,868	22,868	22,868	22,868	22,868
Total	Australia £A.	125,564	298,450	376,355	343,610	343,280	278,280	208,280	123,280	179,780
	London £Stg.	28,349	26,950	25,838	25,588	25,338	25,088	24,838	24,588	24,338

(a) Excludes Overdrafts and Internal Treasury Bills.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PUBLIC DEBT.

Particulars.	Where Redeemable or Payable.	At 30th June—				
		1939.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.
TOTAL DEBT. (£'000.)						
Commonwealth—						
War (1914-18)	Australia £A.	175,194	159,398	158,742	154,046	153,900
	London £Stg. <i>a</i>	11,020	10,645	10,645	10,645	10,645
War (1939-45)	Australia £A.	..	1,510,023	1,531,532	1,508,195	1,485,877
	London £Stg.	..	5,775	5,775	5,775	5,775
Works, &c. ...	Australia £A.	43,303	54,166	65,098	77,906	92,433
	London £Stg.	72,097	53,535	53,285	52,991	52,741
	New York £(b)	15,913	15,790	15,798	15,855	15,798
Total ..	Australia £A.	218,497	1,723,587	1,755,372	1,740,147	1,732,210
	London £Stg.	83,117	69,955	69,705	69,411	69,161
	New York £(b)	15,913	15,790	15,798	15,855	15,798
Total ..	..	317,527	1,809,332	1,840,875	1,825,413	1,817,169
State ..	Australia £A.	485,179	542,645	568,141	611,763	666,873
	London £Stg.	384,328	337,593	333,306	328,190	317,347
	New York £(b)	28,265	25,113	24,802	24,849	24,664
Total ..	..	897,772	905,351	926,249	964,802	1,008,884
Grand Total ..	Australia £A.	703,676	2,266,232	2,323,513	2,351,910	2,399,083
	London £Stg.	467,445	407,548	403,011	397,601	386,508
	New York £(b)	44,178	40,903	40,600	40,704	40,462
Total ..	..	1,215,299	2,714,683	2,767,124	2,790,215	2,826,053

DEBT PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

(£ s. d.)

Commonwealth—						
War (1914-18)	Australia £A.	25 2 10	21 7 0	20 18 10	19 19 7	19 9 0
	London £Stg.	1 11 8	1 8 6	1 8 1	1 7 7	1 6 11
War (1939-45)	Australia £A.	..	202 4 11	202 0 6	195 12 2	187 16 2
	London £Stg.	..	0 15 5	0 15 3	0 15 0	0 14 7
Works, &c. ..	Australia £A.	6 4 4	7 5 1	8 11 9	10 2 1	11 13 8
	London £Stg.	10 6 11	7 3 5	7 0 7	6 17 5	6 13 4
	New York £(b)	2 5 8	2 2 4	2 1 8	2 1 2	1 19 11
Total ..	Australia £A.	31 7 2	230 17 0	231 11 1	225 13 10	218 18 10
	London £Stg.	11 18 7	9 7 4	9 3 11	9 0 0	8 14 10
	New York £(b)	2 5 8	2 2 4	2 1 8	2 1 2	1 19 11
Total ..	..	45 11 5	242 6 8	242 16 8	236 15 0	229 13 7
State ..	Australia £A.	69 16 4	72 18 9	75 4 5	79 13 4	84 12 11
	London £Stg.	55 6 1	45 7 6	44 2 7	42 14 9	40 5 7
	New York £(b)	4 1 4	3 7 6	3 5 8	3 4 9	3 2 7
Total ..	..	129 3 9	121 13 9	122 12 8	125 12 10	128 1 1
Grand Total ..	Australia £A.	100 19 8	303 10 6	306 10 0	305 0 9	303 4 7
	London £Stg.	67 1 8	54 11 8	53 3 3	51 11 4	48 17 1
	New York £(b)	6 6 10	5 9 7	5 7 1	5 5 7	5 2 3
Total ..	..	174 8 2	363 11 9	365 0 4	361 17 8	357 3 11

ANNUAL INTEREST PAYABLE.

(£'000.)

Grand Total, Commonwealth and State ..	Australia £A.	25,585	63,042	65,781	67,578	69,446
	London £Stg.	18,366	14,141	13,696	13,133	12,294
	New York £(b)	2,219	2,020	1,732	1,614	1,606
Total(c) ..	..	46,170	79,203	81,209	82,325	83,346

AVERAGE RATES OF INTEREST.

(£ s. d.)

Commonwealth and State ..	Australia ..	3 12 9	2 15 8	2 16 8	2 17 6	2 18 0
	London(a) ..	3 18 7	3 9 5	3 8 0	3 6 1	3 3 7
	New York ..	5 0 6	4 18 9	4 5 4	3 19 4	3 19 5
Total(d) ..	..	3 16 0	2 18 4	2 18 9	2 19 0	2 19 1

(a) See footnote (c), page 62.
and interest payable, page 62.
taking no account of exchange.
of exchange.

(b) See footnote (a) to table on Commonwealth and State Public Debt.
(c) The totals shown represent the nominal amount of interest payable,
(d) Based on the nominal amount of interest payable, taking no account

(D.) BANKING.

CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

(i) Average Liabilities within Australia.(a)

(£'000.)

Period.	Inter-minable Deposits or Deposit Stock.	Deposits.			Notes in Circulation.	Balances due to other Banks.	Bills payable and all other Liabilities.	Total Liabilities.
		Not Bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest.	Total.				

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.(b)								
Quarter ended Sept., 1948	..	..	47,776	12,792	60,568	..	295	68,019
" " Dec., 1948	..	..	51,200	13,741	64,941	..	1,018	74,428
" " Mar., 1949	..	..	53,521	13,608	67,129	..	9,295	84,778
" " June, 1949	..	..	56,887	12,715	69,602	..	10,444	87,955
" " Sept., 1949	..	..	66,483	12,755	79,238	..	12,360	99,208
" " Dec., 1949	..	..	78,407	14,200	92,607	..	13,921	114,571
1948—Month of Oct.	..	..	50,570	12,639	63,209	..	293	71,306
" " Nov.	..	..	50,648	14,048	64,696	..	296	73,888
" " Dec.	..	..	52,146	14,377	66,523	..	2,175	77,364
1949—Month of Oct.	..	..	72,690	12,876	85,566	..	13,151	106,236
" " Nov.	..	..	80,032	14,151	94,183	..	13,802	116,063
" " Dec.	..	..	82,091	15,585	97,676	..	14,839	121,040

NINE AUSTRALIAN TRADING BANKS.(c)

Quarter ended Sept., 1948	..	729	502,810	200,448	703,258	158	32,203	9,198	745,546
" " Dec., 1948	..	729	554,106	212,699	766,805	158	23,983	10,786	802,461
" " Mar., 1949(d)	..	729	596,731	214,642	811,373	158	30,461	10,448	853,169
" " June, 1949	..	729	606,914	217,258	824,172	158	43,440	11,875	880,374
" " Sept., 1949(d)	..	729	582,431	212,567	794,998	158	36,678	10,610	843,173
" " Dec., 1949	..	729	648,494	218,425	866,919	158	19,737	13,410	900,953
1948—Month of Oct.	..	729	530,849	211,414	742,263	158	20,995	10,705	774,850
" " Nov.	..	729	550,791	213,315	764,106	158	24,527	10,438	799,958
" " Dec.	..	729	575,364	213,235	788,599	158	25,939	11,127	826,552
1949—Month of Oct.	..	729	610,038	211,336	821,374	158	20,246	12,626	855,133
" " Nov.	..	729	644,147	221,092	865,239	158	21,466	13,644	901,236
" " Dec.	..	729	692,385	222,180	914,565	158	17,068	13,901	946,421

OTHER CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.(c)

Quarter ended Sept., 1948	..	20,795	14,942	6,656	21,598	..	700	628	43,721
" " Dec., 1948	..	20,591	16,916	7,194	24,110	..	363	706	45,770
" " Mar., 1949	..	20,358	21,101	7,773	28,874	..	160	770	50,162
" " June, 1949	..	20,491	20,579	7,723	28,302	..	204	999	49,996
" " Sept., 1949	..	20,498	18,842	7,684	26,526	..	128	1,196	48,348
" " Dec., 1949	..	20,341	19,849	8,707	28,556	..	173	1,155	50,225
1948—Month of Oct.	..	20,725	16,035	7,343	23,378	..	358	740	45,201
" " Nov.	..	20,722	16,769	7,076	23,845	..	502	703	45,772
" " Dec.	..	20,379	17,738	7,169	24,907	..	256	682	46,224
1949—Month of Oct.	..	20,490	18,668	8,410	27,078	..	112	1,155	48,835
" " Nov.	..	20,409	19,906	8,671	28,577	..	209	1,145	50,340
" " Dec.	..	20,107	20,960	9,049	30,009	..	190	1,166	51,472

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

Quarter ended Sept., 1948	..	21,524	565,528	219,896	785,424	158	33,198	16,982	857,286
" " Dec., 1948	..	21,320	622,222	233,634	855,856	158	25,364	19,961	922,659
" " Mar., 1949	..	21,087	671,353	236,023	907,376	158	39,916	19,572	988,109
" " June, 1949	..	21,220	684,380	237,696	922,076	158	54,088	20,783	1,018,325
" " Sept., 1949	..	21,227	667,756	233,006	900,762	158	49,166	19,416	990,729
" " Dec., 1949	..	21,070	746,750	241,332	988,082	158	33,831	22,608	1,065,749
1948—Month of Oct.	..	21,454	597,454	231,396	828,850	158	21,646	19,249	891,357
" " Nov.	..	21,451	618,208	234,439	852,647	158	25,325	20,029	919,610
" " Dec.	..	21,108	645,248	234,781	880,029	158	28,370	20,475	950,140
1949—Month of Oct.	..	21,219	701,396	232,622	934,018	158	33,509	21,300	1,010,204
" " Nov.	..	21,138	744,085	243,914	987,999	158	35,477	22,867	1,067,639
" " Dec.	..	20,836	795,436	246,814	1,042,250	158	32,097	23,592	1,118,933

(a) Averages of liabilities at close of business on Wednesdays in periods. (b) Includes the General Banking Division and the Rural Credits, Industrial Finance and Mortgage Bank Departments. (c) Compiled from returns lodged under *Banking Act* 1945. See page 66 for earlier periods for Nine Trading Banks. (d) Technical adjustments in the method of compiling advances and deposits were made by two banks from January, 1949, and by another from July, 1949. The effect was to reduce both deposits and advances by approximately £9,000,000 in January, 1949, and £2,600,000 in July, 1949.

Cheque-paying Banks—continued.
(ii) Average Assets within Australia.(a)
(£'000.)

Period.	Cash and Cash Balances. (b)	Special Account with C'w'lth Bank.	Balances with other Banks. (c)	Australian Public Securities.		Other Securities.	Loans, Advances and Bills Discounted.	All other Assets.	Total Assets.
				Treasury Bills.	Other.				
COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.(d)									
Quarter ended Sept., 1948	6,677	..	300	750	31,897	51	41,340	1,844	82,859
" " Dec., 1948	7,955	..	386	750	31,987	62	46,074	1,787	89,001
" " Mar., 1949	7,221	..	372	346	37,577	75	52,700	1,565	99,856
" " June, 1949	5,630	..	538	..	36,381	78	56,807	1,504	100,938
" " Sept., 1949	18,331	..	422	..	31,266	76	63,183	1,512	114,790
" " Dec., 1949	22,863	..	562	..	35,535	73	69,559	1,573	130,165
1948—Month of Oct.	7,525	..	326	750	31,520	51	44,168	1,756	86,096
" " Nov.	8,570	..	307	750	31,528	57	45,900	1,705	88,817
" " Dec.	7,805	..	497	750	32,729	75	47,737	1,878	91,471
1949—Month of Oct.	21,253	..	454	..	31,573	74	67,190	1,529	122,073
" " Nov.	25,700	..	522	..	34,274	73	69,345	1,561	131,475
" " Dec.	20,928	..	719	..	41,074	73	72,196	1,631	136,621

NINE AUSTRALIAN TRADING BANKS.(e)									
Quarter ended Sept., 1948	47,448	274,045	12,403	15,173	59,452	1,789	362,322	20,539	793,171
" " Dec., 1948	50,778	288,457	14,966	28,585	60,109	287	372,505	20,543	836,230
" " Mar., 1949(f)	50,689	345,114	14,301	30,623	62,912	364	361,957	20,483	886,443
" " June, 1949	43,147	383,065	15,398	14,062	63,344	528	377,544	19,287	916,375
" " Sept., 1949(f)	46,513	325,357	13,698	13,793	72,854	490	391,929	18,507	883,141
" " Dec., 1949	55,441	321,453	18,998	33,177	76,398	334	403,222	18,865	927,888
1948—Month of Oct.	52,888	269,978	12,753	26,912	58,356	282	372,587	20,760	814,516
" " Nov.	49,312	286,791	14,306	28,550	60,468	281	373,647	20,514	833,869
" " Dec.	50,263	304,573	17,265	29,950	61,225	297	371,525	20,394	855,492
1949—Month of Oct.	51,797	306,953	15,936	25,200	75,670	339	400,712	18,918	895,525
" " Nov.	56,296	320,253	20,617	30,600	76,103	331	404,628	19,136	927,964
" " Dec.	58,016	337,453	20,036	44,375	77,498	330	403,973	18,476	960,157

OTHER CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.(e)									
Quarter ended Sept., 1948	3,859	1,079	1,620	1,162	13,039	154	38,450	2,152	61,515
" " Dec., 1948	4,011	1,149	1,778	2,323	12,376	163	39,066	2,539	63,405
" " Mar., 1949	5,241	1,306	1,389	2,392	14,073	175	39,985	3,171	67,732
" " June, 1949	3,578	1,505	959	1,611	15,220	175	41,630	3,312	67,990
" " Sept., 1949	3,022	1,640	1,010	107	13,260	181	43,510	3,044	65,774
" " Dec., 1949	3,763	1,717	1,231	346	11,878	230	45,329	3,718	68,212
1948—Month of Oct.	3,849	1,055	1,927	2,550	12,072	155	38,723	2,438	62,769
" " Nov.	3,977	1,223	1,958	2,125	12,191	155	39,054	2,452	63,135
" " Dec.	4,168	1,167	1,516	2,300	12,766	175	39,350	2,687	64,129
1949—Month of Oct.	3,269	1,717	1,097	200	11,938	198	44,913	3,685	67,017
" " Nov.	3,948	1,717	1,388	200	11,771	244	45,256	3,587	68,111
" " Dec.	4,024	1,717	1,170	675	11,950	245	45,837	3,914	69,532

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.									
Quarter ended Sept., 1948	57,984	275,124	14,323	17,085	104,388	1,994	442,112	24,535	937,545
" " Dec., 1948	62,744	289,606	17,130	31,658	104,472	512	457,645	24,869	988,636
" " Mar., 1949	63,151	346,420	16,062	33,361	114,562	614	454,642	25,219	1,054,031
" " June, 1949	52,355	384,570	16,895	15,673	114,945	781	475,981	24,103	1,085,303
" " Sept., 1949	67,866	326,997	15,130	13,900	117,380	747	498,622	23,063	1,063,705
" " Dec., 1949	82,067	329,170	20,791	33,523	123,811	637	518,110	24,156	1,126,265
1948—Month of Oct.	64,262	271,033	15,006	30,212	101,948	488	455,478	24,954	993,331
" " Nov.	61,859	288,014	16,571	31,425	104,187	493	458,601	24,671	985,821
" " Dec.	62,236	305,740	19,278	33,000	106,720	547	458,612	24,959	1,011,092
1949—Month of Oct.	76,319	308,670	17,487	25,400	119,181	611	512,815	24,132	1,084,615
" " Nov.	85,944	321,970	22,527	30,800	122,148	648	519,229	24,284	1,127,550
" " Dec.	82,968	339,170	21,925	45,050	130,522	648	522,006	24,021	1,166,310

(a) Averages of assets at close of business on Wednesdays in periods. (b) Coin, bullion, Australian notes and cash with Commonwealth Bank. (c) Includes notes, cheques and bills of other banks. (d) See footnote (b), page 64. (e) Compiled from returns lodged under *Banking Act* 1945. See page 66 for earlier periods for Nine Trading Banks. (f) See footnote (d), page 64. (g) Includes Rural and Industrial Bank of Western Australia account with State Treasury and from July, 1949, includes deposit with State Treasury, South Australia.

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA. (a)
Average Liabilities and Assets within Australia.
(£'000.)

Year.	Liabilities.				Assets.				
	Deposits.			Total Liabilities.	Cash and Cash Balances.	Australian Public Securities.		Loans, Advances and Bills Discounted.	Total Assets.
	Not Bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest.	Total.			Treasury Bills.	Other.		
1945-46 (b) ..	35,775	21,101	56,876	59,329	7,366	5,379	35,249	20,533	70,187
1946-47 ..	41,372	17,574	58,946	61,577	7,176	3,131	36,488	25,698	74,443
1947-48 ..	44,549	13,873	58,422	62,454	7,432	1,189	32,662	33,338	76,728
1948-49 ..	52,346	13,214	65,560	78,705	6,871	462	34,461	49,230	93,163

(a) See footnote (b) page 64.

(b) Ten months ended June, 1946.

NINE TRADING BANKS.
(Excludes Commonwealth Bank.)
(i) Average Liabilities within Australia.
(£'000.)

Year.	Intermin-able Deposits or Deposit Stock.	Deposits.			Notes in Cir-culation.	Balances due to other Banks.	Bills Payable and all other Liabilities.	Total Liabilities.
		Not Bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest.	Total.				
1938-39 ..	2,644	118,868	198,793	317,661	167	921	(b) 3,005	324,396
1945-46 ..	1,664	385,953	220,415	606,368	166	1,194	6,338	615,730
1946-47 ..	889	429,749	206,862	636,611	159	1,748	7,792	647,199
1947-48 ..	733	471,604	201,892	673,496	158	11,933	8,423	694,743
1948-49 ..	729	565,140	211,262	776,402	158	32,522	10,576	820,387

(ii) Average Assets within Australia.
(£'000.)

Year.	Cash and Cash Balances. (c)	Special Account with Commonwealth Bank.	Balances with Other Banks. (d)	Australian Public Securities. (e)		Other Securities.	Loans, Advances and Bills Discounted.	All Other Assets.	Total Assets.
				Treasury Bills.	Other.				
1938-39 ..	33,597	..	3,938	21,533	20,477	(f)	288,109	(h) 9,421	377,075
1945-46 ..	38,462	238,098	8,748	59,782	115,272	(f)	214,401	(h) 9,802	684,565
1946-47 ..	37,928	264,991	10,302	25,831	95,026	164	261,140	14,280	709,662
1947-48 ..	44,390	262,258	12,254	18,089	65,606	1,874	329,850	17,154	751,475
1948-49 ..	48,016	322,670	14,267	22,111	61,454	742	368,582	20,213	858,055

(a) Includes Other Liabilities. (b) Excludes Other Liabilities—see footnote (a). (c) See footnote (b), page 65. (d) Includes notes, cheques and bills of other banks. (e) Government and Municipal Securities prior to September, 1945. (f) Included with Loans, Advances and Bills Discounted. (g) Includes other assets—see footnotes (f) and (h). (h) Landed and house property only. Other assets included with Loans, Advances and Bills Discounted.

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.
Central Banking Business (Including Note Issue Department).
(Averages of weekly figures.)
(£A.'000)

Period.	Notes on Issue.			Special Accounts of Trading Banks.	Other Deposits of Trading Banks.	Other Liabilities (excluding Capital and Reserve Funds).	Gold and Balances Held Abroad.	Government and Other Securities (including Treasury Bills).
	Held by—		Total.					
	Banks.	Public.						
Year 1945-46(a) ..	16,908	176,905	193,813	241,843	26,864	144,385	181,594	418,266
Year 1946-47 ..	18,741	180,661	199,402	266,951	24,063	122,101	217,642	392,217
Year 1947-48 ..	22,245	175,845	198,090	263,688	28,018	142,014	196,694	419,857
Year 1948-49 ..	24,912	178,649	203,561	323,930	29,764	174,647	336,175	356,260
Quarter ended Sept., 1948	23,318	173,325	196,643	275,124	30,527	172,440	270,299	367,807
“ “ Dec., 1948	25,316	176,866	202,182	289,607	32,129	184,971	324,631	359,490
“ “ Mar., 1949	25,267	179,588	204,855	346,420	32,974	164,921	357,468	350,994
“ “ June, 1949	25,749	184,818	210,567	384,570	23,625	176,255	392,300	346,752
“ “ Sept., 1949	25,493	187,859	213,352	326,997	26,566	183,988	381,672	327,118
“ “ Dec., 1949	28,324	193,682	222,006	323,170	33,524	213,003	395,562	371,706
1948—Month of Oct. ..	23,808	173,922	197,730	271,032	35,526	186,942	303,861	365,989
“ “ Nov. ..	24,541	174,814	199,355	288,014	31,281	186,573	322,936	358,176
“ “ Dec. ..	27,143	180,862	208,005	305,740	30,090	182,113	342,601	355,341
1949—Month of Oct. ..	26,857	190,081	216,938	308,670	30,868	214,200	381,755	365,274
“ “ Nov. ..	27,345	191,518	218,863	321,970	35,095	226,740	397,634	379,070
“ “ Dec. ..	31,013	199,988	231,001	339,170	34,217	194,637	406,778	368,934

(a) Ten months ended June, 1946.

DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS. (a)

All Cheque-paying Banks.

(£'000.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
Year 1945-46(b) ..	52,887	45,791	14,879	8,661	5,855	2,889	95	131,057
Year 1946-47 ..	65,690	55,433	16,972	10,457	7,189	3,374	119	159,234
Year 1947-48(c) ..	78,883	64,285	20,019	12,722	8,746	3,947	142	188,244
Year 1948-49 ..	91,990	77,699	24,546	15,493	10,770	4,699	205	225,402
Qtr. ended Sept., 1948 ..	83,631	71,531	23,215	13,710	9,493	4,271	175	206,026
" " Dec., 1948 ..	92,467	76,703	24,220	15,516	11,071	4,578	176	224,731
" " Mar., 1949 ..	89,418	78,859	24,024	16,112	11,665	4,762	213	225,053
" " June, 1949 ..	102,441	83,704	26,724	16,632	10,852	5,185	257	245,795
" " Sept., 1949 ..	96,442	84,149	25,981	15,977	11,237	5,101	253	239,140
" " Dec., 1949 ..	115,883	103,055	30,261	19,523	14,018	5,179	232	288,151
1948—Month of Oct. ..	90,417	74,204	24,087	15,407	10,558	4,367	166	219,206
" " Nov. ..	89,985	72,009	23,809	14,869	11,080	4,132	171	216,055
" " Dec. ..	96,094	82,457	24,656	16,121	11,474	5,102	188	226,092
1949—Month of Oct. ..	106,857	93,452	27,835	17,995	12,658	5,082	212	264,091
" " Nov. ..	118,461	99,156	30,087	19,867	14,769	5,122	239	287,701
" " Dec. ..	121,687	117,531	32,906	20,621	14,439	5,346	243	312,773

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under *Banking Act* 1945. Average of weeks ended last Monday in periods to December, 1946; thereafter average of weeks ended last Wednesday in periods. (b) Ten months ended June, 1946. (c) From January, 1948, debits to customers' accounts relating to the transfer of accounts from the Queensland National Bank Ltd. (in voluntary liquidation) to the National Bank of Australasia Ltd. have been excluded.

BANK CLEARING HOUSES.—AVERAGE WEEKLY VALUE OF BILLS, CHEQUES, ETC., CLEARED.(a)

(£'000.)

Weekly Average.	Sydney.	Melbourne.	Brisbane.	Adelaide.	Perth.	Hobart.	Six Capitals.
Year 1938-39.. ..	17,832	15,415	4,212	2,953	2,055	623	43,090
" 1944-45.. ..	28,556	27,839	6,895	5,127	2,777	1,032	72,226
" 1945-46.. ..	30,968	31,398	7,154	5,593	3,257	1,185	79,555
" 1946-47.. ..	35,580	35,631	7,978	6,469	3,926	1,310	93,894
" 1947-48.. ..	44,786	41,237	9,288	8,038	4,892	1,543	109,784
" 1948-49.. ..	53,519	48,870	11,131	9,663	6,039	1,778	131,000
1948—							
30th September to 27th October	55,191	49,677	10,689	9,657	5,890	1,715	132,819
28th October to 24th November	54,123	45,531	11,420	10,097	6,410	1,599	129,135
25th November to 31st December	55,227	50,948	10,627	9,878	6,660	1,743	135,083
1949—							
29th September to 26th October	60,016	58,126	12,650	11,279	6,896	2,011	150,978
27th October to 30th November	67,042	60,822	13,337	12,329	7,822	1,858	163,210
1st December to 31st December	67,748	68,031	15,205	12,258	8,392	2,034	173,668

(a) Average of weekly clearings excluding transactions connected with the issue and redemption of Treasury Bills.

SAVINGS BANKS—DEPOSITS.(a)

(£'000.)

Amount on deposit at end of—	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	Aust. Cap. Terr.	Total.
June—									
1939 ..	87,474	80,461	29,045	27,397	12,396	8,396	99	319	245,587
1945 ..	198,203	182,149	80,094	56,995	31,763	16,914	(b)	846	566,964
1946 ..	236,242	211,326	90,063	65,865	38,289	20,447	349	973	663,554
1947 ..	231,368	216,107	85,602	67,900	36,625	20,856	537	1,020	660,015
1948 ..	236,964	226,401	84,836	73,613	36,183	21,572	649	1,100	681,318
1949 ..	244,483	239,246	87,442	81,163	37,535	22,413	726	1,211	714,219
1948—									
Oct. ..	237,831	227,810	85,474	75,821	36,343	21,836	686	1,123	686,424
Nov. ..	238,031	228,581	85,828	75,975	36,456	21,817	691	1,136	688,515
Dec. ..	237,924	228,472	85,801	76,394	36,298	21,719	679	1,129	688,416
1949—									
Oct. ..	247,919	243,845	89,626	82,800	38,384	23,219	773	1,315	727,881
Nov. ..	248,356	244,591	89,738	83,193	38,367	23,139	795	1,325	729,504
Dec. ..	249,019	246,015	89,947	83,516	38,291	23,227	787	1,325	732,127

(a) Includes Commonwealth Savings Bank.

(b) Included with South Australia.

NOTE.—Sales of War Savings and Savings Certificates were discontinued after 31st January, 1949, except for sales to wind up savings groups, &c. The net amount outstanding at the end of December, 1949, was £58,431,000.

COMMONWEALTH SAVINGS BANK—DEPOSITS.

(£'000.)

Amount on deposit at end of—	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	Aust. Cap. Terr.	Total.
June—									
1939 ..	87,474	11,242	29,045	3,167	12,396	2,358	99	319	146,100
1945 ..	198,203	38,933	80,094	10,505	31,763	6,006	(a)	846	366,350
1946 ..	236,242	47,603	90,063	12,665	38,289	7,851	349	973	434,035
1947 ..	231,368	47,959	85,602	12,892	36,625	7,947	537	1,020	423,950
1948 ..	236,964	48,620	84,836	12,993	36,183	8,028	649	1,100	429,373
1949 ..	244,483	51,887	87,442	14,587	37,535	8,362	726	1,211	446,233
1948—									
Oct. ..	237,831	48,803	85,474	13,419	36,343	8,063	686	1,123	431,742
Nov. ..	238,031	48,998	85,828	13,484	36,456	8,056	691	1,136	432,680
Dec. ..	237,924	49,031	85,801	13,582	36,298	8,045	679	1,129	432,489
1949—									
Oct. ..	247,919	53,437	89,626	15,159	38,384	8,604	773	1,315	455,217
Nov. ..	248,356	53,677	89,738	15,296	38,367	8,551	795	1,325	456,105
Dec. ..	249,019	54,325	89,947	15,399	38,291	8,593	787	1,325	457,686

(a) Included with South Australia.

(E.) NOTE ISSUE.

COMMONWEALTH NOTES OUTSTANDING.

(£'000.)

Denomination.	25th December, 1939.	30th December, 1946.	31st December, 1947.	29th December, 1948.	28th December, 1949.
10s. ..	4,806	8,230	8,586	8,704	8,994
£1 ..	25,895	71,016	68,197	69,357	70,569
£5 ..	15,254	82,464	81,756	88,576	99,743
£10 ..	6,613	44,695	46,204	50,590	60,103
£20 ..	96	9	8	8	8
£50 ..	1,563	101	85	76	69
£100 ..	2,615	182	162	150	77
£1,000 ..	523	733	145	144	..
Held by banks ..	13,009	22,716	24,805	29,245	32,947
„ public ..	44,266	184,714	180,338	188,360	206,616
Total ..	57,275	207,430	205,143	217,605	239,563

Section VI.—Railways, Aviation, Motor Vehicles and Wireless.

(A.) RAILWAYS.

RAILWAYS (GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE) OPEN FOR TRAFFIC.

NOTE.—The mileage of private lines is shown in brackets and refers to lines available for general traffic only.

(Miles.)

Government.	1938-39.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48.	1948-49.
Commonwealth ..	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201
New South Wales ..	6,114 (69)	6,128 (54)	6,128 (54)	6,128 (54)	6,128 (54)
Victoria ..	4,759 (25)	4,748 (13)	4,748 (13)	4,725 (13)	4,697 (13)
Queensland ..	6,567 (183)	6,566 (136)	6,566 (136)	6,560 (136)	6,560 (136)
South Australia ..	2,557 (51)	2,547 (51)	2,547 (51)	2,547 (51)	2,547 (51)
Western Australia ..	4,378 (277)	4,381 (277)	4,348 (277)	4,348 (277)	4,321 (277)
Tasmania ..	658 (116)	642 (117)	641 (117)	614 (117)	614 (117)
Total ..	27,234 (721)	27,213 (648)	27,179 (648)	27,123 (648)	27,068 (648)

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

CAPITAL COST OF CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT.(a)

(£'000.)

Government.	1938-39.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48.	1948-49 (g)
Commonwealth ..	17,033	18,090	18,266	18,498	..
New South Wales ..	147,617	154,976	157,231	165,839	..
Victoria ..	52,449	53,299	53,764	54,434	..
Queensland ..	38,419	40,689	41,097	41,506	..
South Australia ..	29,733	30,647	30,975	31,478	..
Western Australia ..	26,022	26,752	27,062	27,497	..
Tasmania ..	2,140	3,068	3,151	2,931	..
Total(b) ..	315,860	329,968	333,993	344,630	..

AVERAGE MILES WORKED.

Commonwealth ..	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201
New South Wales ..	6,114	6,128	6,128	6,128	6,128
Victoria ..	4,754	4,748	4,748	4,725	4,697
Queensland ..	6,567	6,566	6,566	6,560	6,560
South Australia ..	2,557	2,547	2,547	2,547	2,547
Western Australia ..	4,376	4,381	4,348	4,348	4,321
Tasmania ..	658	642	641	614	614
Total ..	27,227	27,213	27,179	27,123	27,068

TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.(c)

('000 miles.)

Commonwealth ..	902	1,818	1,513	1,602	(d) 1,666
New South Wales ..	30,106	(e) 38,000	(e) 37,500	38,958	40,502
Victoria ..	17,890	16,344	15,539	16,819	17,352
Queensland ..	13,927	(f) 15,607	(f) 16,145	14,883	17,276
South Australia ..	6,177	6,354	6,010	6,134	6,059
Western Australia ..	6,575	6,304	6,594	7,111	7,037
Tasmania ..	1,906	2,229	2,245	2,212	2,225
Total ..	77,483	86,656	85,546	87,719	92,117

PASSENGER JOURNEYS.

('000.)

Commonwealth ..	117	347	223	216	(d) 217
New South Wales ..	186,720	267,423	261,644	263,047	262,686
Victoria ..	142,124	196,118	170,165	182,210	174,554
Queensland ..	24,639	38,200	34,188	29,325	32,491
South Australia ..	17,529	23,119	19,827	19,067	18,210
Western Australia ..	11,415	17,136	13,879	13,928	12,623
Tasmania ..	2,297	3,413	3,252	2,974	3,295
Total ..	384,841	545,756	503,178	510,767	504,076

(a) Capital was reduced during the period 1st July, 1927 to 1st July, 1937 by approximately £61,500,000 (Victoria, £25,700,000; Queensland, £28,000,000; South Australia, £3,100,000; Tasmania, £4,700,000).

(b) Includes £2,447,000, Commonwealth proportion of Grafton-South Brisbane Line capital not included with States.

(c) Excludes "Assistant" and "Light" mileages.

(d) Subject to revision.

(e) Estimated.

(f) Partly estimated.

(g) Not yet available.

Government Railways—continued.

Government.	1938-39.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48.	1948-49.
GOODS AND LIVE-STOCK CARRIED. (⁰ 000 tons.)					
Commonwealth ..	186	276	343	423	(a) 547
New South Wales ..	15,417	16,885	17,594	18,518	17,175
Victoria ..	5,976	7,229	7,562	8,440	8,879
Queensland ..	5,234	5,758	5,750	5,523	6,591
South Australia ..	2,640	2,970	3,215	3,560	3,815
Western Australia ..	2,859	2,728	2,577	2,858	2,737
Tasmania ..	844	880	896	817	801
Total ..	33,156	36,726	37,937	40,139	40,545

GROSS REVENUE. (£'000.)					
Commonwealth ..	547	1,565	1,099	1,237	(a) 1,673
New South Wales ..	19,946	32,113	31,153	37,706	39,627
Victoria ..	9,284	14,675	13,577	16,322	17,274
Queensland ..	7,798	11,917	11,033	11,532	14,927
South Australia ..	3,119	4,871	4,593	5,079	5,885
Western Australia ..	3,699	4,107	4,046	4,562	5,215
Tasmania ..	487	928	893	958	1,050
Total ..	44,780	70,176	66,394	77,396	85,651

WORKING EXPENSES. (£'000.)					
Commonwealth ..	642	1,502	1,224	1,439	(a) 1,813
New South Wales ..	14,543	24,933	25,885	31,015	35,739
Victoria ..	8,060	12,531	12,916	15,225	18,078
Queensland ..	6,193	10,426	10,191	10,641	13,798
South Australia ..	2,931	5,108	5,045	5,947	7,269
Western Australia ..	2,911	4,027	4,424	5,545	6,702
Tasmania ..	678	1,209	1,254	1,455	1,489
Total ..	35,958	59,736	60,939	71,267	84,888

NET EARNINGS. (£'000.)					
Commonwealth ..	-95	63	-125	-202	(a) -140
New South Wales ..	5,403	7,180	5,267	6,691	3,888
Victoria ..	1,224	2,144	661	1,097	-804
Queensland ..	1,605	1,491	842	891	1,129
South Australia ..	188	-237	-452	-868	-1,384
Western Australia ..	688	80	-378	-983	-1,487
Tasmania ..	-191	-281	-360	-497	-439
Total ..	8,822	10,440	5,455	6,129	763

PERCENTAGE OF NET EARNINGS ON CAPITAL COST.(b)					
Commonwealth ..	-0.56	0.35	-0.68	-1.09	(d) ..
New South Wales ..	3.66	4.63	3.35	4.04	..
Victoria ..	2.33	4.02	1.23	2.01	..
Queensland ..	4.18	3.66	2.05	2.15	..
South Australia ..	0.63	-0.77	-1.46	-2.75	..
Western Australia ..	2.64	0.30	-1.40	-3.58	..
Tasmania ..	-8.91	-9.16	-11.44	-16.96	..
Total(c) ..	2.79	3.16	1.63	1.78	..

Minus sign (-) denotes loss.

(a) Subject to revision. (b) See note (a) on page 69. (c) Includes Commonwealth proportion capital Grafton-South Brisbane Line (see note (b) on page 69). (d) Not yet available.

Government Railways—continued.

SUMMARY.—THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1948.

Particulars.	C'wealth.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land. (a)	S.A.(b)	W.A.	Tas.	Total.
Miles open	2,201	6,128	4,725	6,491	2,547	4,348	614	27,054
Revenue—								
Coaching (Passengers, Parcels, Mails, &c.) £	'000. 111	'000. 3,392	'000. 1,674	'000. 915	'000. 308	'000. 276	'000. 48	'000. 6,724
Goods, including live- stock and minerals £	212	5,526	2,111	3,098	991	863	169	12,970
Miscellaneous £	31	(c) 700	299	(d)	108	85	2	(e) 1,225
Total Revenue £	354	(f) 9,618	4,084	4,013	1,407	1,224	219	20,919
Expenditure .. £	458	8,160	4,305	3,439	1,622	1,632	(g) 338	19,954
Train-miles run ..	467	9,664	4,013	4,665	1,555	(h) 1,789	(h) 537	22,690
Earnings per train-mile ..	15s. 2d.	19s. 11d.	20s. 4d.	17s. 2d.	18s. 1d.	13s. 8d.	8s. 2d.	18s. 5d.
Expenditure per train- mile ..	19s. 7d.	16s. 11d.	21s. 5d.	14s. 9d.	20s. 10d.	18s. 3d.	12s. 7d.	17s. 7d.
Expenditure per cent. on Earnings .. %	129.17	84.84	105.40	85.69	115.24	133.35	154.48	95.38
Passenger journeys ..	'000. 51	'000. 64,641	'000. 43,178	'000. 8,322	'000. 4,647	'000. 3,220	'000. 673	'000. 124,732
Freight carried, tons—								
Coal and Coke ..	83	(i)	(i)	351	206	95	39	(j)
Other Minerals ..	2	(i)	(i)	127	115	62	(k)	(j)
Live-stock ..	24	(l) 322	(l) 140	207	66	41	5	805
Other Goods ..	42	4,616	2,074	1,317	604	487	163	9,303
Total Freight ..	151	4,938	2,214	2,002	991	685	207	11,188

SUMMARY.—THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1949.

Particulars.	C'wealth.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land. (a)	S.A.(b)	W.A.	Tas.	Total.
Miles open	2,201	6,113	4,697	6,491	2,547	4,321	614	26,984
Revenue—								
Coaching (Passengers, Parcels, Mails, &c.) £	'000. 110	'000. 2,847	'000. 1,512	'000. 870	'000. 272	'000. 283	'000. 36	'000. 5,930
Goods, including live- stock and minerals £	322	3,581	1,990	3,041	882	1,032	130	10,978
Miscellaneous £	35	(c) 652	309	(d)	109	72	5	(e) 1,182
Total Revenue £	467	(f) 7,080	3,811	3,911	1,263	1,387	171	18,090
Expenditure .. £	492	8,207	4,493	3,683	1,829	1,774	(g) 337	20,815
Train-miles run ..	393	6,585	3,607	4,354	1,291	(h) 1,491	(h) 376	18,097
Earnings per train-mile ..	23s. 9d.	21s. 6d.	20s. 4d.	18s. 0d.	19s. 7d.	18s. 7d.	9s. 1d.	20s. 0d.
Expenditure per train mile ..	25s. 1d.	24s. 11d.	24s. 11d.	16s. 11d.	28s. 4d.	23s. 10d.	17s. 11d.	23s. 0d.
Expenditure per cent. on Earnings .. %	105.43	115.92	117.90	94.16	144.88	127.90	197.35	115.07
Passenger-journeys ..	'000. 40	'000. 56,647	'000. 40,146	'000. 8,008	'000. 3,361	'000. 2,713	'000. 629	'000. 111,544
Freight carried, tons—								
Coal and Coke ..	137	(i)	(i)	264	288	95	25	(j)
Other Minerals ..	2	(i)	(i)	98	87	63	(k)	(j)
Live-stock ..	16	(l) 191	137	199	40	31	4	618
Other Goods ..	33	2,737	1,865	1,425	413	462	95	7,030
Total Freight ..	188	2,928	2,002	1,986	828	651	124	8,707

(a) Excludes Grafton-South Brisbane Line. (b) Includes Road Motors. (c) From sale of electrical energy only; other miscellaneous included with Coaching and Goods. (d) Included with Coaching. (e) Incomplete. (f) Excludes Government contributions towards losses on non-paying developmental lines. (g) Excludes depreciation. (h) Includes assistant and light miles. (i) Included with Other Goods. (j) Not available. (k) Included with Coal and Coke. (l) Estimated.

(B.) CIVIL AVIATION.

Particulars.	Year ended 30th June—				Quarter ended September, 1949.
	1939.(a)	1947.	1948.	1949.	

1.—REGISTRATIONS, LICENCES, ACCIDENTS, ETC.

Registered Aircraft Owners No.	(b) 149	(b) 323	(b) 334	(b) 335	(f) 337
Registered Aircraft	(b) 296	(b) 643	(b) 670	(b) 748	(f) 770
Pilots' Licences—(b)					
Private	1,096	(d) 600	614	756	756
Commercial	346	(d) 499	495	481	481
Airline Transport .. ..	..	(d) 738	756	787	787
Navigators' Licences(b)	59	..	..	..	..
Flight Navigator .. ..	..	(d) 72	84	118	118
Radio Operators' Licences—(b)					
Aircraft Radio Telegraph Operators	75	..	..	..	..
Aircraft Radio Telephone Operators .. ..	..	..	..	..	..
1st Class Flight Radio Telegraphy Operator .. ..	..	(d) 80	106	113	113
Radio Telephony Operator .. ..	..	(d) 756	807	972	972
Flight Engineers' Licences—(b)					
Flight Engineer .. ..	..	(d) 8	16	47	47
Ground Engineers' Licences(b)	525	(d) 1,660	1,660	(e)	(e)
Aerodromes(b)—					
Government No.	71	131	133	142	142
Public	213	243	240	222	222
Emergency	147	54	49	43	43
Flying Boat Bases	7	5	5	5	5
Accidents—					
Persons Killed .. No.	38	15	13	42	18
Persons Injured	15	17	27	21	..

2.—REGULAR INTERNAL SERVICES.

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS.

Hours flown .. No.	39,312	154,772	212,233	224,853	54,874
Miles flown .. '000.	5,302	23,038	32,371	35,242	8,904
Paying passengers .. No.	41,429	849,647	1,207,839	1,409,300	331,528
Paying passenger miles .. '000.	22,423	366,150	503,494	566,038	131,315
Freight—					
Actual tons .. No.	391	12,247	25,845	33,381	11,687
Ton miles .. '000.	(e)	5,972	11,920	15,240	5,319
Mail—					
Actual tons .. No.	(c) 64	1,120	1,248	1,580	1,267
Ton miles .. '000.	(e)	621	674	789	585

3.—OVERSEA SERVICES—AUSTRALIAN AND INTERNATIONAL.

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS.

Route miles .. No.	6,985	19,459	26,667	29,695	29,123
Hours flown ..	12,686	32,633	39,488	40,262	9,356
Miles flown .. '000.	1,736	5,921	7,555	7,982	2,009
Paying passengers .. No.	5,350	31,055	41,124	45,296	11,300
Paying passenger miles .. '000.	7,335	75,225	122,678	144,869	35,999
Freight—					
Actual tons .. tons	6	349	660	765	218
Ton miles .. '000.	(e)	978	2,630	2,808	818
Mail—					
Actual tons .. tons	(e)	465	638	577	131
Ton miles .. '000.	(e)	2,112	3,408	3,331	706

(a) Includes oversea services of Qantas Empire Airways Ltd. (b) At 30th June of year above each column. (c) Net weight. (d) At 1st April, 1948; new categories in accordance with Standards of the International Civil Aviation Organization. (e) Not available. (f) At 31st December, 1949.

2. OVERSEA SERVICES—AUSTRALIAN AND INTERNATIONAL.

DETAILS OF OPERATIONS DURING THE THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPT., 1949.

Service.	Route Miles.	Hours Flown.	Miles Flown ('000).	Paying Passengers.	Paying Passenger-miles ('000).	Freight.		Mail.	
						Actual Tons.	Ton-miles ('000).	Actual Tons.	Ton-miles ('000).
International Service—									
British Commonwealth Pacific Airlines—									
Sydney-Vancouver	8,383	1,601	425	2,398	9,475	12	80	10	66
Auckland-Vancouver	1,326	739	198	968	3,289	4	14	1	8
	(6,403)								
Qantas Empire Airways Ltd.—									
Sydney-London ..	12,061	2,519	608	2,399	15,513	47	361	54	473
Sydney - Norfolk Island ..	1,048	63	13	148	155	7	7	..	..
Sydney-Lae ..	2,153	1,898	288	2,885	3,591	57	68	9	14
Sydney-Suva ..	(2,205)	189	27	112	194	1	2	..	..
Sydney - Hong Kong ..	2,812	286	58	216	869	4	16	..	1
	(1,966)								
International Services to Australia—									
British Overseas Airways Corporation—									
Singapore-Sydney(a)	(4,070)	930	206	..	..	59	233	25	102
Tasman Empire Airways Ltd.—									
Auckland - Sydney	1,340	1,131	186	2,174	2,913	27	37	32	42
Pan-American Airways—									
San Francisco-Sydney (b) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Canadian Pacific Air Lines Ltd.—									
Vancouver - Sydney (b) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total(c) ..	29,123	9,356	2,009	11,300	35,999	218	818	131	706

(a) Particulars beyond Singapore not available. (b) Particulars not yet available.
(c) Incomplete.

NOTE.—Route miles in brackets are not included in totals.

(C.) TELEPHONES.**NUMBER OF LINES AND INSTRUMENTS CONNECTED.**

Particulars.	At 30th June—				At 31st December, 1949.
	1939.	1947.	1948.	1949.	
Lines connected ..	487,535	647,876	688,348	734,427	762,407
Instruments connected ..	661,996	905,017	963,154	1,028,134	1,066,385

(D.) WIRELESS.**NUMBER OF BROADCAST LISTENERS' LICENCES.(a)**

In force at—	N.S.W. (b)	Victoria.	Q'land. (c)	S. Aust. (d)	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	Australia.
30th June, 1939 ..	433,029	327,579	133,217	117,307	79,262	39,392	1,129,786
" " 1947 ..	679,505	499,944	228,066	180,909	121,149	61,674	1,771,247
" " 1948 ..	699,259	505,106	239,342	197,326	128,703	63,080	1,832,816
" " 1949 ..	706,452	531,722	261,054	212,416	139,290	68,088	1,919,022
31st Dec., 1949 ..	727,918	554,082	268,371	219,832	145,823	70,154	1,986,180

(a) From 30th June, 1943, includes licences in respect of more than one receiver owned by one person.
(b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Papua. (d) Includes Northern Territory.

(E.) MOTOR VEHICLES.

(EXCLUDING DEFENCE SERVICE VEHICLES.)

REGISTRATIONS, LICENCES AND GROSS REVENUE, 1948-49.

State or Territory.	No. of Registrations.				No. of Drivers' and Riders' Licences Issued.	Gross Revenue.			
	Motor Cars.	Commercial Vehicles, &c.	Motor Cycles.	Total.		Vehicles' Registration and Motor Tax.	Drivers' and Riders', &c., Licences.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
						£	£	£	£
New South Wales ..	236,399	143,411	36,379	416,189	637,582	3,044,645	329,483	635,226	4,009,354
Victoria ..	189,445	130,277	31,706	351,428	487,407	2,310,321	121,862	289,996	2,722,179
Queensland ..	85,533	86,257	16,177	187,967	240,893	1,061,291	94,940	347,332	1,503,563
South Australia ..	78,607	38,372	17,087	134,066	171,010	974,518	95,883	48,120	1,118,521
Western Australia ..	40,187	38,744	10,584	89,515	110,121	587,656	44,812	64,283	696,751
Tasmania ..	22,485	11,659	4,709	38,853	44,422	276,383	22,211	57,723	356,317
Northern Territory ..	722	2,350	193	3,265	3,223	6,045	1,666	..	7,711
Australian Capital Territory ..	2,119	1,077	298	3,494	5,350	15,921	2,652	116	18,689
Total 1948-49 ..	655,497	452,147	117,133	1,224,777	1,700,008	8,276,780	713,509	1,442,796	10,433,085
Total 1947-48 ..	593,077	414,072	100,196	1,107,345	1,601,394	7,437,294	650,294	955,798	9,043,386
Total 1938-39 ..	562,271	258,025	79,237	899,533	1,238,497	6,318,435	508,387	257,652	7,084,474

NUMBER OF REGISTRATIONS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1949.

Vehicles.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld'	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total.
Motor Cars ..	251,289	205,804	91,344	84,331	43,259	23,315	722	2,316	702,380
Commercial Vehicles, &c. ..	152,248	137,245	89,268	40,702	41,577	12,066	2,350	1,167	476,623
Motor Cycles ..	39,575	33,186	17,812	18,506	11,385	4,724	193	389	125,770
Total at 31st December, 1949 ..	443,112	376,235	198,424	143,539	96,221	40,105	3,265	3,872	1,304,773
Total at 31st December, 1948 ..	396,611	340,955	179,868	127,458	85,119	37,100	3,254	3,278	1,173,643
Total at 31st December, 1938 ..	314,797	256,656	125,688	95,735	61,020	25,418	1,249	2,136	882,699

(a) At 30th June, 1949.

REGISTRATIONS OF NEW VEHICLES DURING SIX MONTHS ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1949.

Vehicles.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Total. (a)
Motor Cars ..	16,975	13,579	6,028	5,780	4,256	1,429	155	48,202
Commercial Vehicles, &c. ..	8,799	8,310	3,239	2,489	2,487	711	70	26,105
Motor Cycles ..	4,164	3,355	1,904	2,308	1,180	436	63	13,410
Total six months ended 31st December, 1949 ..	29,938	25,244	11,171	10,577	7,923	2,576	288	87,717
Total six months ended 31st December, 1948 ..	22,434	17,858	8,296	6,720	4,859	2,445	212	62,824
Total six months ended 31st December, 1938 ..	15,474	12,044	7,070	4,141	1,787	1,430	172	42,118

(a) Excludes Northern Territory.

NOTE.—In each of the tables above taxis and hire cars are included with motor cars, and particulars of primary producers' vehicles in Victoria are included under the heading Commercial Vehicles, &c.

Section VII.—Labour and Industrial Statistics.

TRADE UNIONS.

Number of Trade Unions, Branch Unions and Membership.

Year.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total.	Australia.
NUMBER OF SEPARATE UNIONS.										
1939	200	149	114	117	141	79	4	15	819	(a) 380
1944	189	141	112	112	136	72	4	15	781	(a) 370
1945	184	139	110	112	132	71	4	15	767	(a) 368
1946	183	138	110	111	130	69	4	15	760	(a) 362
1947	183	137	110	111	130	70	7	16	764	(a) 357
1948	178	136	112	115	130	77	7	16	771	(a) 318
NUMBER OF BRANCHES.										
1939	598	398	312	178	204	69	..	1	1,760	(b) 2,199
1944	591	382	307	173	208	71	..	1	1,733	(b) 2,144
1945	591	382	307	173	208	71	..	1	1,733	(b) 2,132
1946	591	382	307	173	209	70	..	1	1,733	(b) 2,131
1947	594	386	310	174	209	72	..	1	1,746	(b) 2,153
1948	621	397	302	178	206	80	..	1	1,785	(b) 2,238
NUMBER OF MEMBERS.										
1939	358,391	216,803	180,653	67,282	67,833	22,062	761	1,685	915,470	915,470
1944	508,832	314,952	192,085	104,892	67,617	26,939	1,406	2,055	1,218,778	1,218,778
1945	501,845	306,649	192,087	97,829	71,512	27,114	1,406	1,953	1,200,395	1,200,395
1946	527,738	324,380	199,719	101,595	77,622	28,314	1,997	2,293	1,263,658	1,263,658
1947	555,097	337,502	218,062	109,288	80,672	33,175	2,422	3,239	1,339,457	1,339,457
1948	582,162	363,661	234,489	115,764	85,875	35,742	2,244	3,213	1,423,150	1,423,150

(a) Allowing for interstate duplication. The figures represent the number of distinct organizations and interstate groups of organizations in Australia. They do not represent the total number of organizations which are practically independent and self-governing. (b) Includes not only branches of separate State unions and sub-branches in each State of interstate unions, but also head State branches of interstate unions.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN TRADE UNIONS.

Unemployment—Australia—Number, Membership of Reporting Unions and Branches, and Number and Percentage Unemployed.(a)

Period.	Unions.	Membership.	UNEMPLOYED.	
			Number.	Percentage. (b)
1939 Year	396	476,918	45,967	9.7
1945 " " " " "	388	673,750	7,864	1.2
1946 " " " " "	383	672,121	9,125	1.4
1947 " " " " "	381	718,096	8,432	1.2
1948 " " " " "	380	761,104	6,533	0.9
1949 " " " " "	377	790,630	(d) 15,342	2.0
1932—June Quarter(c)	396	413,742	124,068	30.0
1946—March " " " " "	385	662,296	9,062	1.4
June " " " " "	385	661,432	8,757	1.3
September " " " " "	381	672,209	9,212	1.4
December " " " " "	381	692,546	9,468	1.4
1947—March " " " " "	381	699,155	9,880	1.4
June " " " " "	381	713,455	9,240	1.2
September " " " " "	381	725,286	7,970	1.1
December " " " " "	381	734,489	6,637	0.9
1948—March " " " " "	381	744,901	6,484	0.9
June " " " " "	380	752,222	6,549	0.9
September " " " " "	380	769,959	6,813	0.9
December " " " " "	380	777,332	6,287	0.8
1949—March " " " " "	380	785,468	5,898	0.8
June " " " " "	380	792,428	6,337	0.8
September " " " " "	374	776,195	(d) 43,030	(d) 5.5
December " " " " "	375	808,428	6,103	0.8

(a) The quarterly figures show the number of persons who were out of work for three days or more during a specified week in each quarter; they include persons out of work through sickness, but exclude persons out of work through strikes or lockouts, except those outside the industry concerned who are indirectly affected. The annual figures represent the average of the four quarters. (b) A more extended table of percentages will be found on page 101. (c) Peak of unemployment. (d) Includes all members of reporting unions indirectly affected by the dispute in the coal-mining industry; those directly affected are, however, excluded.

NOTE.—The unions covered by the returns represent approximately 55 per cent. of the total membership of unions, and relate to between 25 and 30 per cent. of all wage and salary earners. The value of the percentages of unemployment derived from Trade Union returns is in the indication they give of the trend of unemployment among trade unionists as reported by secretaries of Trade Unions.

Unemployment(a)—States—Percentage Unemployed.

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
1939 Year	11.0	10.4	5.9	9.3	7.1	8.1	9.7
1945 " " " " "	1.5	0.9	0.7	1.3	1.2	1.0	1.2
1946 " " " " "	1.5	1.3	0.9	1.4	1.6	2.0	1.4
1947 " " " " "	1.3	1.2	0.7	1.0	1.2	2.3	1.2
1948 " " " " "	1.0	0.8	0.4	1.1	0.9	0.7	0.9
1949 " " " " "	3.2	0.7	0.9	2.3	0.9	0.6	2.0
1932—June Quarter(b) ..	33.2	27.7	19.9	35.2	30.3	27.5	30.0
1944—December " " "	1.6	0.9	0.6	0.9	1.2	0.7	1.2
1945—March " " "	1.5	0.8	0.5	1.2	1.0	0.7	1.1
June " " "	1.5	0.8	0.6	1.5	1.1	0.8	1.1
September " " "	1.5	0.8	0.9	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.2
December " " "	1.5	1.0	0.8	1.3	1.5	1.6	1.2
1946—March " " "	1.5	1.3	0.8	1.6	1.5	1.7	1.4
June " " "	1.6	1.1	0.9	1.4	1.6	1.6	1.3
September " " "	1.5	1.3	0.8	1.3	1.5	2.3	1.4
December " " "	1.5	1.3	1.0	1.1	1.6	2.3	1.4
1947—March " " "	1.5	1.6	0.8	1.1	1.4	2.2	1.4
June " " "	1.4	1.1	0.9	1.0	1.1	2.4	1.2
September " " "	1.1	1.2	0.8	1.0	1.1	2.5	1.1
December " " "	1.0	0.8	0.4	0.8	1.1	2.3	0.9
1948—March " " "	1.0	0.8	0.5	0.9	1.0	0.5	0.9
June " " "	1.0	0.8	0.5	1.0	1.0	0.5	0.9
September " " "	0.9	1.0	0.4	1.2	0.8	0.7	0.9
December " " "	0.9	0.7	0.3	1.1	0.7	1.0	0.8
1949—March " " "	0.9	0.7	0.4	0.8	0.8	0.5	0.8
June " " "	0.9	0.8	0.3	1.0	0.8	0.3	0.8
September " " "	10.2	0.9	2.7	6.5	1.3	0.7	5.5
December " " "	1.0	0.6	0.3	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.8

(a) See notes to table on page 75.

(b) Peak of unemployment.

NOTE.—For some States the returns are a more representative sample than for others. The table above, therefore, should not be read as indicating the relative degree of unemployment among trade unionists in the individual States, but as an indication of trend of unemployment as reported by secretaries of Trade Unions.

Unemployment(a)—Australia—Percentage in Industrial Groups.

Industrial Group.	1932.	1948.		1949.			
	June Qtr.(b)	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.
Manufacturing—							
I. Wood, Furniture, &c. . .	39.6	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	8.7	0.5
II. Engineering, Metal works, &c. . .	33.9	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	5.4	0.6
III. Food, Drink, Tobacco, &c. . .	19.3	2.5	2.2	1.4	1.5	6.5	1.2
IV. Clothing, Textiles, &c. . .	22.6	0.9	0.6	0.7	0.7	2.1	0.5
V. Books, Printing, &c. . .	16.8	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	1.3	0.1
VI. Other Manufacturing . . .	43.0	1.9	1.3	1.6	2.0	7.2	1.7
VII. Building . . .	42.1	0.9	1.0	0.9	1.1	1.7	0.9
VIII. Mining, Quarrying, &c. . .	34.2	2.7	2.4	2.4	2.1	4.1	2.2
IX. Land Transport other than Railway and Tramway Services . . .	29.6	1.0	1.3	1.5	0.7	1.2	0.9
X. Other and Miscellaneous (c) . . .	22.2	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.6	2.4	0.5
All Groups . . .	30.0	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.8	5.5	0.8

(a) See notes to table on page 75.
see page 83.

(b) Peak of unemployment.

(c) For classification

UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS.

(i) Average Number of Persons on Benefit at end of each week.(a)

Period.	N.S.W. (b)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A. (c)	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT.							
1945-46 Year	2,524	303	1,445	778	422	42	5,514
1946-47 " " " " " "	1,754	1,578	4,665	200	1,095	79	9,371
1947-48 " " " " " "	664	150	2,632	51	409	33	3,939
1948-49 " " " " " "	270	32	1,100	14	126	31	1,573
1947-48 December Quarter	644	147	1,631	56	427	33	2,938
March " " " " " "	470	91	4,222	35	335	24	5,177
June " " " " " "	308	56	2,241	19	198	24	2,846
1948-49 September " " " " " "	281	42	712	21	183	34	1,273
December " " " " " "	314	30	632	10	113	33	1,132
March " " " " " "	255	23	1,840	9	114	28	2,269
June " " " " " "	232	33	1,215	17	94	29	1,620

SICKNESS BENEFIT.

1945-46 Year	2,177	1,559	814	596	431	255	5,832
1946-47 " " " " " "	3,088	2,232	1,165	851	715	386	8,437
1947-48 " " " " " "	3,736	2,501	1,445	977	764	456	9,879
1948-49 " " " " " "	3,860	2,865	1,620	961	803	451	10,560
1947-48 December Quarter	3,731	2,560	1,431	970	775	484	9,951
March " " " " " "	3,525	2,368	1,429	947	746	419	9,434
June " " " " " "	3,749	2,457	1,477	958	739	423	9,803
1948-49 September " " " " " "	3,942	2,743	1,531	1,019	800	467	10,502
December " " " " " "	3,737	2,716	1,611	951	768	444	10,227
March " " " " " "	3,757	2,789	1,689	928	811	428	10,402
June " " " " " "	4,006	3,212	1,650	946	832	464	11,110

(a) In addition, an average of 118 persons (Australian total) were in receipt of Special Benefit at the end of each week during 1945-46; 396 during 1946-47; 863 during 1947-48; and 2,023 during 1948-49.
 (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory.

(ii) Benefits Paid.(a)

(£.)

Period.	N.S.W. (b)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A. (c)	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT.							
1945-46 Year	275,205	28,234	108,138	73,226	36,440	3,827	525,070
1946-47 " " " " " "	172,141	159,060	441,048	20,064	110,700	7,809	910,822
1947-48 " " " " " "	60,499	16,639	248,357	4,038	37,192	2,904	369,629
1948-49 " " " " " "	23,279	2,417	99,591	580	9,986	2,993	138,486
1947-48 June Quarter	6,537	1,690	81,757	308	4,409	460	95,161
1948-49 September " " " " " "	6,548	1,123	12,487	197	4,488	1,221	26,064
December " " " " " "	6,142	486	12,092	115	2,119	663	21,617
March " " " " " "	4,509	392	38,541	82	2,109	578	46,211
June " " " " " "	6,080	416	36,471	186	1,270	531	44,954
1949-50 September " " " " " "	1,146,486	3,002	88,648	32,928	14,444	717	1,286,225
December " " " " " "	Cr.86,108	1,206	5,501	Cr. 228	1,405	551	Cr.77,673

SICKNESS BENEFIT.

1945-46 Year	198,943	139,267	76,306	53,076	34,817	23,459	525,868
1946-47 " " " " " "	258,782	182,184	106,631	74,471	50,050	33,246	711,364
1947-48 " " " " " "	302,987	209,128	103,521	79,110	58,255	38,326	791,327
1948-49 " " " " " "	302,298	196,548	118,789	76,620	62,569	39,002	795,826
1947-48 June Quarter	67,527	54,356	31,553	20,057	13,828	8,806	196,227
1948-49 September " " " " " "	84,517	55,409	22,565	22,365	17,024	11,694	219,565
December " " " " " "	78,807	46,502	31,538	18,911	16,676	9,377	201,811
March " " " " " "	73,069	48,367	32,453	18,035	13,698	8,865	194,487
June " " " " " "	65,905	46,270	32,242	17,309	15,171	9,066	185,963
1949-50 September " " " " " "	76,894	61,065	21,270	22,230	15,065	11,007	207,531
December " " " " " "	72,009	52,255	30,362	20,288	14,394	9,422	198,730

(a) In addition, £4,274 (Australian total) was paid in Special Benefits during 1945-46; £27,939 during 1946-47; £56,518 during 1947-48 and £135,754 during 1948-49. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory.

NOTE.—The *Unemployment and Sickness Benefits Act 1944*, which came into operation on 1st July, 1945 (from 1st July, 1947, Part VII. of the *Social Services Consolidation Act 1947-1949*), provides for the payment of benefit to persons whose normal earnings have been interrupted through unemployment or sickness. The rate of benefit per week is 25s. for a married person or an unmarried adult, plus 20s. for dependent spouse and 5s. for a dependent child. For unmarried juveniles the rate of benefit is 15s. if under 18 years and 20s. if 18 and under 21 years. In certain cases 20s. per week may be paid in respect of claimant's housekeeper.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT—AUSTRALIA. (a) (’000.)

Month.	Total Employment. (Excluding Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces.)			Total Employment in Main Industrial Groups.						
	Governmental Authorities. (b)	Private Employers.	Total.	Mining and Quarrying.	Factories. (c)	Building and Construction.	Transport and Communication.	Retail Trade.	Other Commerce and Finance.	Professional and Personal Services. (d)
MALES.										
1939—July	349.8	943.3	1,293.1	52.2	391.5	149.7	185.9	259.7		133.6
1941—July	375.3	988.1	1,363.4	54.6	490.9	144.2	192.6	102.3	117.4	123.9
1942—June	420.9	888.6	1,309.5	48.2	509.0	117.5	195.9	81.5	98.8	108.4
1943—June	413.3	859.9	1,273.2	45.2	520.7	91.8	195.7	71.7	89.3	100.1
1944—June	404.5	871.1	1,275.6	43.4	518.2	83.7	201.9	71.4	92.7	106.6
1945—June	400.2	896.1	1,296.3	43.6	514.5	87.9	209.2	76.4	97.1	114.0
1946—June	435.0	1,071.5	1,506.5	48.8	558.4	124.9	237.8	103.2	133.5	140.5
1947—June	472.0	1,177.4	1,649.4	51.0	593.2	155.7	256.4	116.0	151.9	155.0
1948—June	494.0	1,236.9	1,730.9	52.7	625.0	167.8	269.9	123.3	161.7	163.3
1949—Apr.	513.2	1,263.6	1,776.8	52.0	633.0	178.6	278.6	125.5	169.0	169.0
May	518.9	1,268.2	1,787.1	52.3	635.9	180.9	281.7	125.6	169.9	168.3
June	522.7	1,249.4	1,772.1	49.2	623.3	183.0	280.8	125.6	169.3	168.2
July	522.6	1,165.2	1,687.8	33.0	567.0	181.0	279.0	124.4	165.5	165.3
Aug.	526.3	1,238.1	1,764.4	48.7	622.1	182.8	276.8	125.1	167.7	167.2
Sep.	531.0	1,259.0	1,790.0	52.3	631.2	187.1	281.0	125.3	170.7	167.8
Oct.	532.1	1,265.5	1,797.6	52.5	636.2	187.1	282.3	125.0	171.8	167.8
Nov.	535.8	1,274.8	1,810.6	53.3	639.1	189.0	283.5	127.4	174.1	168.7
Dec.	540.5	1,275.7	1,816.2	53.0	638.0	188.5	285.3	131.2	174.5	169.2
FEMALES.										
1939—July	55.2	381.9	437.1	0.3	148.2	1.2	12.6	114.9		129.0
1941—July	70.8	485.4	556.2	0.5	187.8	1.9	21.1	102.4	44.3	154.9
1942—June	100.8	502.8	603.6	0.6	206.0	2.0	25.7	104.2	51.8	160.2
1943—June	135.9	504.8	640.7	0.6	228.6	2.4	34.6	98.5	52.6	165.3
1944—June	134.0	497.5	631.5	0.5	217.4	2.4	36.3	94.1	52.1	170.7
1945—June	124.8	494.6	619.4	0.4	206.3	2.2	37.0	96.4	52.6	175.7
1946—June	94.0	502.0	596.0	0.5	192.1	2.4	32.4	99.7	50.8	183.3
1947—June	92.1	527.5	619.6	0.5	199.9	2.6	32.4	104.0	53.0	193.3
1948—June	94.9	549.1	644.0	0.6	208.0	2.9	35.0	109.3	56.9	200.3
1949—Apr.	98.3	564.1	662.4	0.7	215.2	3.1	36.4	110.9	59.6	205.6
May	99.2	564.9	664.1	0.7	215.6	3.1	37.0	111.1	59.8	205.6
June	100.2	557.7	657.9	0.7	210.3	3.2	37.2	110.7	59.8	204.8
July	101.0	532.3	633.3	0.7	191.3	3.1	37.2	108.1	59.9	201.0
Aug.	101.7	557.0	658.7	0.7	210.2	3.1	37.3	109.4	61.7	204.4
Sep.	102.1	563.4	665.5	0.7	214.8	3.1	37.2	110.0	61.8	205.7
Oct.	103.3	568.1	671.4	0.7	217.5	3.2	38.1	110.7	61.8	207.0
Nov.	103.6	573.3	676.9	0.7	219.6	3.2	38.1	113.4	62.1	207.4
Dec.	104.1	576.7	680.8	0.7	218.1	3.2	38.1	118.1	62.2	207.6
PERSONS.										
1939—July	405.0	1,325.2	1,730.2	52.5	539.7	150.9	198.5	374.6		262.6
1941—July	446.1	1,473.5	1,919.6	55.1	678.7	146.1	213.7	204.7	161.7	278.8
1942—June	521.7	1,391.4	1,913.1	48.8	715.0	119.5	221.6	185.7	150.6	268.6
1943—June	549.2	1,364.7	1,913.9	45.8	749.3	94.2	230.3	170.2	141.9	265.4
1944—June	538.5	1,368.6	1,907.1	43.9	735.6	86.1	238.2	165.5	144.8	277.3
1945—June	525.0	1,390.7	1,915.7	44.0	720.8	90.1	246.2	172.8	149.7	289.7
1946—June	529.0	1,573.5	2,102.5	49.3	750.5	127.3	270.2	202.9	184.3	323.8
1947—June	564.1	1,704.9	2,269.0	51.5	793.1	158.3	288.8	220.0	204.9	349.2
1948—June	588.9	1,786.0	2,374.9	53.3	833.0	170.7	304.9	232.6	218.6	363.6
1949—Apr.	611.5	1,827.7	2,439.2	52.7	848.2	181.7	315.0	236.4	228.6	374.6
May	618.1	1,833.1	2,451.2	53.0	851.5	184.0	318.7	236.7	229.7	373.9
June	622.9	1,807.1	2,430.0	49.9	833.6	186.2	318.0	236.3	229.1	373.0
July	623.6	1,697.5	2,321.1	33.7	758.3	184.1	316.2	232.5	225.4	366.3
Aug.	628.0	1,795.1	2,423.1	49.4	832.8	185.9	314.1	234.5	229.4	371.6
Sep.	633.1	1,822.4	2,455.5	53.0	846.0	190.2	318.2	235.3	232.5	373.5
Oct.	635.4	1,833.6	2,469.0	53.2	853.7	190.3	320.4	235.7	233.6	374.8
Nov.	639.4	1,848.1	2,487.5	54.0	858.7	192.2	321.6	240.8	236.2	376.1
Dec.	644.6	1,852.4	2,497.0	53.7	856.1	191.7	323.4	249.3	236.7	376.8

(a) Employees in the defence forces at home or abroad, and Government "relief" workers are excluded. From July, 1941, estimated total employment is based on Pay-roll Tax returns and records of Government employment. All figures for months subsequent to May, 1945 (Factories, June, 1945) subject to revision. (b) Includes employees of Australian Government authorities (Commonwealth State and Local) and of Allied Governments. (c) From July, 1948, monthly figures are estimates subject to revision. (d) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, Professional and Personal Services (except female private domestic).

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT—STATES.(a)

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Month.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia.
MALES.									
1939—July	529.9	357.5	172.8	106.7	82.9	37.4	2.1	3.8	1,293.1
1941—July	547.7	403.4	166.3	118.4	82.4	38.6	3.5	3.1	1,363.4
1942—June	535.0	375.5	165.8	116.9	71.7	37.5	4.3	2.8	1,309.5
1943—June	525.1	355.2	167.3	110.6	70.4	36.9	5.5	2.2	1,273.2
1944—June	524.1	352.1	169.0	110.3	71.7	37.9	7.7	2.8	1,275.6
1945—June	536.0	359.2	169.0	109.4	75.9	39.5	4.1	3.2	1,296.3
1946—June	618.5	417.9	192.4	129.6	93.9	46.9	2.8	4.5	1,506.5
1947—June	671.8	452.6	220.2	140.9	103.9	51.1	3.4	5.5	1,649.4
1948—June	702.3	473.3	232.6	149.0	109.2	54.5	4.0	6.0	1,739.9
1949—April	717.9	486.0	237.3	154.5	112.7	57.3	4.1	7.0	1,776.8
May	721.4	489.3	239.8	155.0	112.8	57.4	4.2	7.2	1,787.1
June	705.5	489.9	240.3	155.6	113.0	58.2	4.3	7.3	1,772.1
July	636.6	487.5	233.2	151.2	111.2	56.6	4.4	7.1	1,687.8
August	701.2	489.0	239.7	153.3	113.0	56.4	4.5	7.3	1,764.4
September	715.9	492.0	242.9	156.5	113.9	57.0	4.6	7.2	1,790.0
October	720.2	493.6	242.9	157.3	114.6	57.2	4.5	7.3	1,797.6
November	725.2	497.3	244.1	158.5	116.1	57.6	4.5	7.3	1,810.6
December	726.9	500.4	241.9	159.7	117.5	58.0	4.5	7.3	1,816.2

FEMALES.

1939—July	168.0	142.9	53.2	34.0	26.2	11.6	0.2	1.0	437.1
1941—July	218.3	186.0	60.5	43.3	31.2	15.2	0.4	1.3	556.2
1942—June	235.0	198.5	67.4	51.4	33.5	16.2	0.2	1.4	603.6
1943—June	254.4	205.4	74.1	52.9	35.5	16.7	0.2	1.5	640.7
1944—June	250.9	198.3	77.4	50.3	35.9	16.8	0.2	1.7	631.5
1945—June	247.9	193.2	75.1	49.0	35.6	16.6	0.3	1.7	619.4
1946—June	242.3	183.7	71.2	45.8	34.4	16.6	0.4	1.6	596.0
1947—June	252.1	190.5	74.5	48.0	35.6	16.9	0.4	1.6	619.6
1948—June	261.9	196.7	77.9	50.1	37.0	18.0	0.6	1.8	644.0
1949—April	269.0	202.5	79.6	52.0	37.9	18.7	0.7	2.0	662.4
May	269.9	202.5	80.1	52.2	37.8	18.8	0.7	2.1	664.1
June	263.8	202.8	80.0	52.1	37.9	18.6	0.7	2.0	657.9
July	244.0	202.1	76.9	51.3	38.0	18.3	0.7	2.0	633.3
August	266.0	202.0	80.2	51.5	38.1	18.1	0.7	2.1	658.7
September	270.0	202.7	80.6	52.7	38.4	18.3	0.7	2.1	665.5
October	273.2	204.6	81.0	52.8	38.7	18.3	0.7	2.1	671.4
November	275.8	206.5	81.0	53.2	39.2	18.4	0.7	2.1	676.9
December	278.3	206.1	81.6	53.6	39.7	18.7	0.7	2.1	680.8

PERSONS.

1939—July	697.9	500.4	226.0	140.7	109.1	49.0	2.3	4.8	1,780.2
1941—July	766.0	589.4	226.8	161.7	113.6	53.8	3.9	4.4	1,919.6
1942—June	770.0	574.0	233.2	168.3	105.2	53.7	4.5	4.2	1,913.1
1943—June	779.5	560.6	241.4	163.5	105.9	53.6	5.7	3.7	1,913.9
1944—June	775.0	550.4	246.4	160.6	107.6	54.7	7.9	4.5	1,907.1
1945—June	783.9	552.4	244.1	158.4	111.5	56.1	4.4	4.9	1,915.7
1946—June	860.8	601.6	263.6	175.4	128.3	63.5	3.2	6.1	2,102.5
1947—June	923.9	643.1	294.7	188.9	139.5	68.0	3.8	7.1	2,269.0
1948—June	964.2	670.0	310.5	199.1	146.2	72.5	4.6	7.8	2,374.9
1949—April	986.9	688.5	316.9	206.5	150.6	76.0	4.8	9.0	2,439.2
May	991.3	691.8	319.9	207.2	150.6	76.2	4.9	9.3	2,451.2
June	969.3	692.7	320.3	207.7	150.9	74.8	5.0	9.3	2,430.0
July	880.6	639.6	310.1	202.5	149.2	74.9	5.1	9.1	2,321.1
August	967.2	691.0	319.9	204.8	151.1	74.5	5.2	9.4	2,423.1
September	985.9	694.7	323.5	209.2	152.3	75.3	5.3	9.3	2,455.5
October	993.4	698.2	323.9	210.1	153.3	75.5	5.2	9.4	2,469.0
November	1,001.0	703.8	325.1	211.7	155.3	76.0	5.2	9.4	2,487.5
December	1,005.2	706.5	323.5	213.3	157.2	76.7	5.2	9.4	2,497.0

(a) Excludes Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces. See also footnotes on page 78.

EMPLOYMENT IN FACTORIES.

(Number of Employees in Thousands. Excludes Working Proprietors.)

Period	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.				
							Males.	Females.	Persons.	Index av. 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.	
										Unadjusted.	Adjusted. (a)
1938-39(b) ..	219.5	193.9	51.5	42.0	22.1	13.2	391.8	150.4	542.2	1,031	1,022
1941-42(b) ..	289.3	250.5	59.5	63.8	23.0	16.7	504.7	198.1	c702.8	1,337	1,286
1942-43(b) ..	306.4	255.6	62.2	71.5	25.1	18.0	517.7	221.1	c738.8	1,405	1,339
1943-44(b) ..	313.8	253.9	62.5	67.9	27.2	19.2	519.4	225.1	c744.5	1,416	1,338
1944-45(b) ..	304.8	249.6	61.8	64.0	28.1	18.9	515.5	211.7	c727.2	1,383	1,293
1945-46(b) ..	300.9	245.9	63.0	60.9	29.1	18.4	524.9	193.3	718.2	1,366	1,264
1946-47(b) ..	331.3	256.1	68.6	68.2	32.2	19.2	578.2	197.4	775.6	1,475	1,347
1947-48(b) ..	349.8	268.1	73.0	71.1	34.0	20.3	611.5	204.8	816.3	1,553	1,397
1948-49(b)(d) ..	358.8	274.9	76.8	73.4	35.2	21.2	628.0	212.3	840.3	1,598	1,408
1948-49(d)—											
January ..	359.1	274.1	73.7	73.7	34.9	21.2	627.6	209.1	836.7	1,592	1,400
February ..	362.2	276.2	75.1	73.8	34.9	21.2	630.1	213.3	843.4	1,604	1,407
March ..	363.0	278.6	76.6	73.9	35.7	21.6	633.8	215.6	849.4	1,616	1,415
April ..	361.6	277.3	77.1	74.4	35.8	22.0	633.0	215.2	848.2	1,613	1,409
May ..	363.0	277.9	78.5	74.3	35.7	22.1	635.9	215.6	851.5	1,620	1,411
June ..	346.1	277.2	78.9	74.0	35.6	21.8	623.3	210.3	833.6	1,586	1,377
1949-50(d)—											
July ..	284.2	276.1	72.9	69.1	34.6	21.4	567.0	191.3	758.3	1,442	1,248
August ..	348.0	276.4	79.8	71.2	35.7	21.2	622.1	210.2	832.3	1,583	1,367
September ..	357.3	277.2	80.7	73.5	36.1	21.2	631.2	214.8	846.0	1,609	1,386
October ..	362.6	278.7	80.6	74.4	36.1	21.3	636.2	217.5	853.7	1,624	1,395
November ..	364.6	280.8	80.6	74.9	36.3	21.5	639.1	219.6	858.7	1,633	1,399
December ..	363.0	280.3	78.3	76.0	36.5	22.0	638.0	218.1	856.1	1,628	1,391

(a) Divided by Index of Total Population.
Government munitions and aircraft establishments
121.8; 1943-44, 116.0; and 1944-45, 89.1.
subject to revision.

(b) Average of monthly figures.
and naval dockyards—1941-42, 79.8; 1942-43,
(c) Includes
(d) From July, 1948, monthly figures are estimates,

RETAIL STORES—EMPLOYMENT INDEX.

Compiled from numbers of employees on the last pay-roll of each month shown on pay-roll tax returns of employers whose principal activity is retail trade and who pay wages in excess of £1,040 per annum.

Month.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia (Six States).
MALES—INDEX OF EMPLOYMENT—(BASE: JULY, 1941 = 1,000).							
1946—June ..	978	1,011	1,030	1,071	1,125	1,080	1,016
1947—June ..	1,119	1,119	1,143	1,231	1,246	1,173	1,142
1948—June ..	1,247	1,242	1,272	1,334	1,411	1,261	1,269
1949—July ..	1,286	1,290	1,285	1,404	1,522	1,260	1,315
August ..	1,300	1,299	1,299	1,400	1,529	1,270	1,324
September ..	1,293	1,312	1,301	1,416	1,513	1,281	1,326
October ..	1,291	1,304	1,293	1,423	1,524	1,287	1,323
November ..	1,327	1,321	1,328	1,444	1,538	1,313	1,351
December ..	1,389	1,345	1,365	1,455	1,610	1,333	1,394
FEMALES—INDEX OF EMPLOYMENT—(BASE: JULY, 1941 = 1,000).							
1946—June ..	997	948	1,069	1,070	1,054	1,095	1,005
1947—June ..	1,038	989	1,118	1,134	1,071	1,123	1,047
1948—June ..	1,139	1,063	1,215	1,201	1,157	1,210	1,136
1949—July ..	1,099	1,114	1,254	1,205	1,256	1,251	1,147
August ..	1,149	1,105	1,259	1,203	1,242	1,257	1,165
September ..	1,155	1,113	1,273	1,216	1,234	1,275	1,172
October ..	1,164	1,122	1,293	1,208	1,243	1,286	1,181
November ..	1,196	1,150	1,326	1,231	1,281	1,318	1,212
December ..	1,291	1,164	1,370	1,236	1,346	1,367	1,266
PERSONS—INDEX OF EMPLOYMENT—(BASE: JULY, 1941 = 1,000).							
1946—June ..	988	979	1,048	1,071	1,087	1,088	1,005
1947—June ..	1,078	1,053	1,132	1,181	1,153	1,148	1,089
1948—June ..	1,193	1,151	1,246	1,265	1,277	1,236	1,196
1949—July ..	1,191	1,205	1,271	1,301	1,381	1,256	1,225
August ..	1,224	1,200	1,280	1,298	1,377	1,264	1,238
September ..	1,223	1,211	1,288	1,312	1,365	1,278	1,243
October ..	1,227	1,212	1,293	1,311	1,375	1,236	1,246
November ..	1,261	1,235	1,327	1,333	1,402	1,315	1,275
December ..	1,340	1,253	1,367	1,342	1,470	1,350	1,323

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES.—NUMBER AND MAGNITUDE OF INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (CAUSING STOPPAGE OF WORK).

Period.	Num-ber.	Estab-lish-ments In-volved.	Workpeople Involved.			Working Days Lost.			Esti-mated Loss in Wages. £
			Di-rectly.	Indi-rectly. (f)	Total.	New Dis-putes.	Old Dis-putes.	Total.	
NEW SOUTH WALES.									
Year—1948 ..	1,071	1,832	235,473	7,036	242,509	644,961	..	644,961	1,155,940
1948—Sept. Qtr.	361	425	67,212	1,143	68,355	160,257	..	160,257	279,665
Dec. "	146	306	37,407	2,177	39,584	208,061	..	208,061	408,396
1949—March "	281	307	56,980	2,255	59,235	182,054	26,056	208,110	390,295
June "	209	777	84,994	878	85,872	155,267	68,600	223,867	447,236
Sept. "	86	226	25,749	134	25,883	37,958	482,603	520,561	1,041,559
VICTORIA.									
Year—1948 ..	21	82	41,734	155	41,889	159,903	..	159,903	240,634
1948—Sept. Qtr.	3	3	629	..	629	2,509	..	2,509	3,228
Dec. "	7	45	30,651	..	30,651	97,335	..	97,335	154,430
1949—March "	6	121	10,387	..	10,387	20,987	..	20,987	38,671
June "	10	26	6,086	..	6,086	14,462	..	14,462	27,519
Sept. "	1	38	4,502	..	4,502	4,502	18,000	22,502	45,451
QUEENSLAND.									
Year—1948 ..	12	27	13,734	7,797	21,531	815,107	..	815,107	833,269
1948—Sept. Qtr.	1	1	85	..	85	170	..	170	340
Dec. "	4	15	900	..	900	10,100	..	10,100	15,370
1949—March "	10	14	6,121	..	6,121	22,488	..	22,488	31,194
June "	9	145	9,891	..	9,891	22,370	..	22,370	44,560
Sept. "	15	61	8,990	87	9,077	13,134	123,880	137,014	273,309
SOUTH AUSTRALIA.									
Year—1948 ..	21	28	5,891	1,136	7,027	30,264	..	30,264	47,138
1948—Sept. Qtr.	1	1	400	..	400	3,600	..	3,600	5,600
Dec. "	3	3	808	70	878	8,922	..	8,922	13,075
1949—March "	3	3	878	..	878	13,530	..	13,530	20,390
June "	4	10	1,049	147	1,196	10,885	..	10,885	23,402
Sept. "	5	16	2,987	..	2,987	2,274	..	2,274	4,548
WESTERN AUSTRALIA.									
Year—1948 ..	9	26	2,356	..	2,356	7,836	..	7,836	15,296
1948—Sept. Qtr.	4	20	1,114	..	1,114	1,881	1,500	3,381	6,762
Dec. "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1949—March "	11	18	2,533	59	2,592	7,878	..	7,878	15,501
June "	3	5	1,857	38	1,895	4,708	2,066	6,774	13,548
Sept. "	2	10	1,174	..	1,174	1,537	10,098	11,635	23,372
TASMANIA.									
Year—1948 ..	4	5	468	..	468	950	..	950	1,473
1948—Sept. Qtr.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dec. "	1	1	208	..	208	832	..	832	1,248
1949—March "	3	3	576	..	576	727	..	727	1,422
June "	9	37	2,198	..	2,198	23,163	..	23,163	42,878
Sept. "	1	1	478	..	478	80	5,220	5,300	10,768
AUSTRALIA.									
Year—1948(a) ..	1,141	2,082	301,025	16,124	317,149	1,662,686	..	1,662,686	2,299,114
1948—Sept. Qtr.(b)	371	451	69,502	1,143	70,645	170,649	1,500	172,149	298,959
Dec. "(c)	162	371	69,981	2,247	72,228	325,383	..	325,383	592,719
1949—March "	314	466	77,475	2,314	79,789	247,664	26,056	273,720	497,473
June "(d)	246	1,002	106,275	1,063	107,338	232,116	70,666	302,782	601,665
Sept. "(e)	111	353	43,919	221	44,140	59,563	639,801	699,364	1,399,103

(a) Includes three disputes in Northern Territory—workpeople involved, 1,369; working days lost 3,665; estimated loss in wages, £5,364. (b) Includes one dispute in Northern Territory—workpeople involved, 62; working days lost, 2,232; estimated loss in wages, £3,364. (c) Includes one dispute in Northern Territory—workpeople involved, 7; working days lost, 133; estimated loss in wages, £200.

(d) Includes two disputes in Northern Territory—workpeople involved, 200; working days lost, 1,261; estimated loss in wages, £2,522. (e) Includes 1 dispute in Australian Capital Territory—workpeople involved, 39; working days lost, 78; estimated wages lost, £96. (f) Persons thrown out of work at the establishments where the stoppages occurred but not themselves parties to the dispute.

AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS.

Wages which are recorded on Pay-roll Tax Returns represent approximately 80 per cent. of the total for Australia; the balance has been estimated. Pay of members of the armed forces is not included.

Period.	New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia and Northern Territory.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID. (£'000.)							
Year—							
1941-42 ..	4,204	2,991	1,275	881	599	270	10,220
1942-43 ..	4,617	3,198	1,498	951	532	283	11,129
1943-44 ..	4,757	3,254	1,624	966	607	304	11,512
1944-45 ..	4,721	3,194	1,553	935	626	312	11,341
1945-46—							
December Qtr.	4,910	3,370	1,615	910	673	335	11,813
March ..	4,817	3,290	1,474	920	687	339	11,527
June ..	5,384	3,686	1,613	1,036	756	375	12,850
Year ..	4,980	3,390	1,566	949	692	345	11,922
1946-47—							
September Qtr.	5,495	3,756	1,692	1,082	789	385	13,199
December ..	5,949	4,018	1,816	1,153	892	411	14,179
March ..	5,713	3,847	1,687	1,148	811	396	13,602
June ..	6,246	4,261	1,896	1,223	890	449	14,965
Year ..	5,851	3,970	1,773	1,152	830	410	13,986
1947-48—							
September Qtr.	6,480	4,399	2,004	1,269	902	447	15,501
December ..	7,229	4,817	2,147	1,365	970	492	17,020
March ..	6,753	4,543	1,863	1,350	936	486	15,931
June ..	7,419	5,109	2,245	1,472	1,011	540	17,796
Year ..	6,970	4,717	2,065	1,364	955	491	16,562
1948-49—							
September Qtr.	7,759	5,303	2,426	1,580	1,081	537	18,686
December ..	8,436	5,646	2,614	1,664	1,166	582	20,108
March ..	7,730	5,307	2,345	1,600	1,073	569	18,624
June ..	8,493	5,882	2,605	1,738	1,188	616	20,522
Year ..	8,105	5,536	2,497	1,646	1,127	576	19,487
1949-50—							
September Qtr.	7,982	5,911	2,674	1,742	1,224	617	20,150
December ..	9,394	6,501	2,900	1,904	1,335	667	22,701

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER MALE UNIT.(a)
(£.)

Year—							
1941-42 ..	5.78	5.72	5.26	5.25	5.43	4.80	5.59
1942-43 ..	6.59	6.56	6.23	6.02	5.93	5.39	6.42
1943-44 ..	6.87	6.83	6.60	6.26	6.28	5.84	6.70
1944-45 ..	6.74	6.71	6.37	6.12	6.27	5.76	6.57
1945-46—							
December Qtr.	6.90	6.93	6.34	6.00	6.25	5.81	6.67
March ..	6.35	6.41	5.63	5.74	5.91	5.53	6.16
June ..	6.76	6.84	5.98	6.04	6.14	5.82	6.54
Year ..	6.68	6.72	6.04	5.98	6.15	5.76	6.48
1946-47—							
September Qtr.	6.69	6.75	5.99	6.05	6.22	5.81	6.49
December ..	7.09	7.15	6.31	6.36	6.36	6.12	6.86
March ..	6.72	6.75	5.79	6.21	6.06	5.79	6.48
June ..	7.23	7.34	6.31	6.53	6.56	6.43	7.00
Year ..	6.93	7.00	6.10	6.29	6.30	6.04	6.71
1947-48—							
September Qtr.	7.40	7.52	6.46	6.71	6.70	6.35	7.16
December ..	8.15	8.14	6.88	7.15	7.12	6.89	7.77
March ..	7.58	7.60	6.20	7.01	6.83	6.67	7.27
June ..	8.25	8.46	7.09	7.51	7.25	7.28	7.98
Year ..	7.85	7.93	6.67	7.10	6.98	6.81	7.55
1948-49—							
September Qtr.	8.58	8.76	7.55	7.98	7.72	7.26	8.33
December ..	9.24	9.24	8.13	8.31	8.21	7.78	8.89
March ..	8.41	8.60	7.33	7.91	7.54	7.47	8.18
June ..	9.24	9.46	7.97	8.50	8.24	8.01	8.95
Year ..	8.87	9.02	7.74	8.18	7.93	7.63	8.57
1949-50—							
September Qtr.	9.01	9.49	8.16	8.56	8.39	8.08	8.91
December ..	10.06	10.28	8.71	9.12	9.02	8.61	9.73

(a) Total civil employment expressed in male units is derived by adding to total male employment 45 per cent. of total female employment.

NOTE.—An index of average weekly wage earnings, seasonally adjusted, is published in the *Monthly Review of Business Statistics*.

**WAGES.—ADULT MALES—AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY AND HOURLY RATES
PAYABLE AND WEEKLY HOURS OF LABOUR, 31st DECEMBER, 1949.(a)**

Industrial Group.	Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
I. Wood, Furniture, &c.	Weekly Wage	170/9	166/11	159/11	161/3	167/3	161/9	166/7
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	4/3½	4/2	4/0	4/0½	4/2½	4/0½	4/2
II. Engineering, Works, &c. Metal	Weekly Wage	168/0	164/10	164/2	161/2	173/0	168/8	166/1
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	4/2½	4/1½	4/1½	4/0½	4/4	4/2½	4/1½
III. Food, Drink, &c.	Weekly Wage	166/4	171/6	160/0	162/6	164/10	166/8	166/2
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	4/2	4/3½	4/0	4/0½	4/1½	4/2	4/1½
IV. Clothing, Textiles, &c.	Weekly Wage	160/10	164/5	170/2	170/2	172/4	158/6	164/2
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	4/0½	4/1½	4/3	4/3	4/3½	3/11½	4/1½
V. Books, Printing, &c.	Weekly Wage	205/6	191/1	174/8	183/2	203/4	188/0	194/7
	Working Hours	40.00	39.51	40.00	40.00	37.69	40.00	39.72
	Hourly Wage	5/1½	4/10	4/4½	4/7	5/4½	4/8½	4/10½
VI. Other Manufacturing	Weekly Wage	166/5	164/10	157/10	166/4	166/1	165/4	165/1
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	4/2	4/1½	3/11½	4/2	4/2	4/1½	4/1½
VII. Building	Weekly Wage	185/7	184/3	181/9	174/9	178/3	176/9	183/0
	Working Hours	39.94	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	39.98
	Hourly Wage	4/7½	4/7½	4/6½	4/4½	4/5½	4/5	4/7
VIII. Mining (d)	Weekly Wage	175/3	173/3	171/1	157/5	190/2	171/3	175/11
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	39.74
	Hourly Wage	4/4½	4/4	4/3½	3/11½	4/11½	4/8½	4/5
IX. Rail and Tram Services	Weekly Wage	170/1	168/6	163/3	159/0	167/3	165/2	167/3
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	4/3	4/2½	4/1	3/11½	4/2½	4/1½	4/2½
X. Other Land Transport	Weekly Wage	163/3	159/0	154/1	156/5	160/11	160/4	160/0
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	4/1	3/11½	3/10½	3/11	4/0½	4/0	4/0
XI. Shipping, &c.	Weekly Wage <i>ef</i>	190/6	194/1	196/2	191/4	192/8	192/3	192/4
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, &c.	Weekly Wage <i>fg</i>	175/10	170/5	182/6	160/6	173/11	166/7	174/7
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, &c.	Weekly Wage <i>(g)</i>	161/8	154/6	147/2	144/2	147/6	147/1	154/9
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage <i>(g)</i>	4/0½	3/10½	3/8½	3/7½	3/8½	3/8	3/10½
XIV. Miscellaneous	Weekly Wage	165/6	163/11	153/0	159/7	156/10	155/5	162/0
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	4/1½	4/1½	3/10	4/0	3/11	3/10½	4/0½
All Groups (b)	Weekly Wage	171/11	168/11	167/10	165/3	171/10	165/4	169/8
All Groups except XI. and XII. (b)	Weekly Wage	170/0	167/10	161/2	162/1	170/3	163/7	167/4
	Working Hours	39.99	39.99	40.00	40.00	39.54	40.00	39.96
	Hourly Wage	4/3	4/2½	4/0½	4/0½	4/3½	4/1	4/2½

(a) The figures of nominal wage and hours of labour are in course of revision to meet changes in industrial structure. The amounts shown should not be regarded as actual current averages, but as an index of changes expressed in money and hour terms. (b) Weighted average. (c) Excludes District allowances in the gold-mining industry. (d) Average rates of wage and hours prevailing at the principal mining centres in each State. (e) Average rates of wage are for occupations other than Masters, Officers and Engineers in the Merchant Marine Service, and include value of victualling and accommodation, where supplied. (f) Definite particulars for the computation of average working hours and hourly rates of wages are not available. (g) Includes the estimated value of board and lodging, where supplied.

WAGES.—ADULT FEMALES—AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY AND HOURLY RATES PAYABLE AND WEEKLY HOURS OF LABOUR, 31st DECEMBER, 1949.(a)

Industrial Group.	Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
III. Food, Drink, &c. ...	Weekly Wage	100/0	111/0	97/1	104/5	105/8	115/6	105/5
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	2/6	2/9½	2/5	2/7½	2/7½	2/10½	2/7½
IV. Clothing, Textiles, &c. ...	Weekly Wage	108/10	108/10	111/0	111/0	112/3	109/6	109/5
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	2/8½	2/8½	2/9½	2/9½	2/9½	2/8½	2/8½
I., II., V., & VI. All other Manufacturing ...	Weekly Wage	110/9	115/7	97/3	104/8	..	116/0	111/11
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	..	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	2/9½	2/10½	2/5½	2/7½	..	2/10½	2/9½
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, &c. ...	Weekly Wage(c)	94/9	101/6	98/2	92/11	98/6	95/9	97/5
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage(c)	2/4½	2/6½	2/5½	2/4	2/5½	2/4½	2/5½
XIV. Shop Assistants, Clerks, &c... ..	Weekly Wage	118/7	128/9	119/0	87/11	..	..	119/1
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	..	..	40.00
	Hourly Wage	2/11½	3/2½	2/11½	2/2½	..	..	2/11½
All Groups (a) ...	Weekly Wage	108/1	112/4	108/5	101/0	105/5	106/4	109/1
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	2/8½	2/9½	2/8½	2/6½	2/7½	2/8	2/8½

(a) See note (a) on previous page.
of board and lodging where supplied.

(b) Weighted average.

(c) Includes the estimated value

WAGES.—WEIGHTED AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY RATES PAYABLE FOR A FULL WEEK'S WORK, AND WAGE INDEX-NUMBERS, 1914 to 31st DECEMBER, 1949.(a)

Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
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ADULT MALES—RATES OF WAGE.

	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
31st December 1914 ..	56 2	54 7	53 5	54 5	62 10	52 8	55 7
" " 1939 ..	96 7	93 6	97 5	88 11	100 6	89 5	95 3
" " 1944 ..	121 4	119 6	118 0	115 7	121 10	116 6	119 6
" " 1945 ..	121 10	120 4	119 10	114 5	122 9	116 11	120 4
" " 1946 ..	130 11	128 11	128 0	121 4	125 7	125 2	128 6
" " 1947 ..	141 3	136 10	134 9	133 10	137 8	133 0	137 11
" " 1948 ..	159 9	155 5	151 4	153 7	156 6	153 2	156 4
30th September, 1949 ..	169 1	165 11	162 10	163 3	167 11	163 5	166 6
31st December, 1949 ..	171 11	168 10	167 10	165 3	171 10	165 4	169 8

ADULT MALES—INDEX-NUMBERS.—(BASE—51s. 3d. (b) IN 1911 = 1,000.)

	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
31st December, 1914 ..	1,096	1,065	1,042	1,062	1,226	1,028	1,085
" " 1939 ..	1,885	1,825	1,900	1,735	1,962	1,745	1,858
" " 1944 ..	2,367	2,332	2,303	2,216	2,377	2,273	2,332
" " 1945 ..	2,377	2,347	2,339	2,233	2,395	2,282	2,348
" " 1946 ..	2,554	2,515	2,498	2,368	2,450	2,442	2,507
" " 1947 ..	2,757	2,670	2,630	2,612	2,686	2,595	2,690
" " 1948 ..	3,117	3,032	2,953	2,997	3,054	2,988	3,050
30th September, 1949 ..	3,299	3,238	3,177	3,185	3,276	3,189	3,249
31st December, 1949 ..	3,355	3,296	3,275	3,225	3,353	3,227	3,310

ADULT FEMALES—RATES OF WAGE.

	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
31st December, 1914 ..	26 10	27 9	27 1	24 1	37 4	25 10	27 5
" " 1939 ..	53 3	51 9	55 2	49 7	55 8	50 8	52 8
" " 1944 ..	71 3	73 11	74 1	65 4	65 10	68 6	71 11
" " 1945 ..	72 7	75 7	74 10	67 2	67 6	71 3	73 5
" " 1946 ..	80 4	82 6	82 4	76 0	73 10	77 8	80 9
" " 1947 ..	84 3	88 6	85 10	80 10	80 1	81 11	85 8
" " 1948 ..	100 0	103 1	98 4	95 1	93 5	96 8	100 4
30th September, 1949 ..	105 10	109 5	103 2	99 3	102 10	104 0	106 3
31st December, 1949 ..	108 1	112 4	108 5	101 0	105 5	106 4	109 1

ADULT FEMALES—INDEX-NUMBERS.—(BASE—27s. 2d. (b) IN APRIL, 1914 = 1,000)

	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
31st December, 1914 ..	987	1,022	996	885	1,373	950	1,006
" " 1939 ..	1,960	1,906	2,031	1,826	2,049	1,866	1,938
" " 1944 ..	2,622	2,722	2,726	2,406	2,422	2,520	2,647
" " 1945 ..	2,671	2,782	2,754	2,471	2,484	2,621	2,701
" " 1946 ..	2,956	3,035	3,031	2,797	2,718	2,860	2,972
" " 1947 ..	3,102	3,256	3,160	2,976	2,947	3,014	3,152
" " 1948 ..	3,681	3,795	3,618	3,499	3,438	3,559	3,694
30th September, 1949 ..	3,896	4,026	3,798	3,653	3,784	3,826	3,911
31st December, 1949 ..	3,979	4,134	3,990	3,716	3,880	3,915	4,015

(a) See note (a) on previous page.

(b) Weighted average for Australia.

BASIC WEEKLY WAGE RATES BY STATE INDUSTRIAL TRIBUNALS.

State.	Basic Wage.		Date of Operation.	Family Unit (for Male Rate).
	Males.	Females.		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
New South Wales ..	(a)6 15 0	(a)3 13 0	1.2.50	(b)
Victoria(c) ..	(6 14 0)	(3 12 6)	1.2.50	(c)
Queensland ..	(d)6 11 0	(d)4 1 6	30.1.50	Man, wife and three children
South Australia ..	6 9 0	3 10 3	1.2.50	" " " " "
Western Australia..	(e)6 18 1	(e)3 14 7	31.1.50	Man, wife and two children
Tasmania(c) ..	(6 11 0)	(3 10 6)	1.2.50	(c)

(a) Sydney, Newcastle, Port Kembla-Wollongong. Broken Hill—Males, £7 5s.; Females, £3 13s. 6d. Elsewhere—Males, £6 12s.; Females, £3 11s. 6d. (b) Commonwealth basic wage operative—no defined family unit. (c) None declared, but rates (Capital city) shown are those of Commonwealth Court which are followed to a large extent. No defined family unit. (d) Southern Division (Eastern District—including Brisbane). Allowances added for other Areas:—Males—Southern Division (Western District), 7s. 4d.; Mackay Division, 5s. 6d.; Northern Division (Eastern District), 10s.; Northern Division (Western District), 17s. 4d.; Females—half of these allowances. (e) Metropolitan area. Basic wage from 31.1.50 for Gold-fields Areas and other portions of State excluding the S.W. Land Division—Males, £7 4s. 8d.; Females, £3 13s. 1d.; and for S.W. Land Division (excluding Metropolitan Area)—Males, £6 17s. 4d.; Females, £3 14s. 1d.

BASIC WEEKLY WAGE RATES FOR ADULT MALES FIXED BY COMMONWEALTH COURT OF CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION FOR EACH CAPITAL CITY.(a)

Capital.	1st September, 1939.	1st February, 1949.	1st May, 1949.	1st August, 1949.	1st November, 1949.	1st February, 1950.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Sydney ..	81 0	124 0	127 0	130 0	132 0	135 0
Melbourne ..	81 0	123 0	125 0	128 0	130 0	134 0
Brisbane ..	76 0	118 0	119 0	122 0	125 0	127 0
Adelaide ..	78 0	119 0	121 0	124 0	126 0	129 0
Perth ..	77 0	118 0	120 0	126 0	129 0	131 0
Hobart ..	77 0	121 0	124 0	127 0	128 0	131 0
Six Capitals ..	79 0	122 0	124 0	127 0	129 0	133 0

NOTE.—Female rates vary from 54 per cent. to 75 per cent. of male rate.

(a) Rates include increase in "needs" wage granted by Court on 13th December, 1946, and "prosperity loadings". No defined family unit.

Section VIII.—Retail Price Index-Numbers—Cost of Food, Groceries, Housing, etc.(a)

Note.—The index-numbers on this and the next four pages are related to the period 1923-27. The weighted average prices for these five years for the Six Capitals are made equal to 1,000. In the combined tables the rent of 4 and 5 roomed houses only is taken into account.

The "B" Series represents the Food and Housing portion of the All Items ("C" Series) Index published on page 89.

RETAIL PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.—CAPITAL CITIES.

("B" Series.)

(Base of each Group : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.)

NOTE.—The index-numbers given in the separate parts of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show the relative cost of housing, and food and groceries, since the cost in 1923-27 in each group or combination is made equal to 1,000.

CITY.	1938.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1948.		1949.				
							Dec. Qtr.	March Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.		
Sydney	904	1,035	1,039	1,119	1,258	1,388	1,326	1,350	1,384	1,395	1,421		
Melbourne	884	1,057	1,052	1,110	1,274	1,418	1,355	1,394	1,414	1,414	1,451		
Brisbane	838	966	981	1,055	1,208	1,332	1,280	1,304	1,329	1,329	1,367		
Adelaide	861	1,002	1,006	1,067	1,230	1,351	1,305	1,333	1,323	1,349	1,398		
Perth	899	1,060	1,059	1,104	1,251	1,437	1,324	1,358	1,436	1,464	1,488		
Hobart	880	1,043	1,069	1,132	1,316	1,495	1,416	1,485	1,498	1,481	1,514		
Six Capitals (b) ..	886	1,034	1,036	1,100	1,256	1,394	1,330	1,361	1,388	1,396	1,429		

GROUP I.—FOOD AND GROCERIES.

Sydney	904	1,035	1,039	1,119	1,258	1,388	1,326	1,350	1,384	1,395	1,421
Melbourne	884	1,057	1,052	1,110	1,274	1,418	1,355	1,394	1,414	1,414	1,451
Brisbane	838	966	981	1,055	1,208	1,332	1,280	1,304	1,329	1,329	1,367
Adelaide	861	1,002	1,006	1,067	1,230	1,351	1,305	1,333	1,323	1,349	1,398
Perth	899	1,060	1,059	1,104	1,251	1,437	1,324	1,358	1,436	1,464	1,488
Hobart	880	1,043	1,069	1,132	1,316	1,495	1,416	1,485	1,498	1,481	1,514
Six Capitals (b) ..	886	1,034	1,036	1,100	1,256	1,394	1,330	1,361	1,388	1,396	1,429

GROUP II.—HOUSING (c)—4 AND 5 ROOMED HOUSES.

Sydney	1,004	1,043	1,043	1,044	1,047	1,049	1,047	1,048	1,048	1,049	1,049
Melbourne	935	973	973	974	974	976	974	974	975	977	977
Brisbane	841	863	863	864	866	869	866	866	867	869	873
Adelaide	868	892	894	897	903	912	905	910	911	913	914
Perth	872	886	886	887	889	895	890	893	895	896	897
Hobart	913	933	936	936	937	940	938	939	939	939	941
Six Capitals (b) ..	942	975	976	977	979	982	980	981	981	982	983

GROUPS I.—II.—FOOD, GROCERIES, AND HOUSING (4 AND 5 ROOMED HOUSES) ("B" Series).

Sydney	941	1,036	1,038	1,082	1,173	1,252	1,214	1,229	1,250	1,257	1,273
Melbourne	902	1,022	1,019	1,054	1,154	1,243	1,203	1,227	1,240	1,240	1,263
Brisbane	838	924	932	978	1,072	1,149	1,116	1,130	1,146	1,147	1,171
Adelaide	862	957	960	998	1,100	1,177	1,146	1,165	1,160	1,176	1,206
Perth	887	990	989	1,017	1,107	1,222	1,152	1,173	1,221	1,239	1,254
Hobart	891	998	1,014	1,053	1,165	1,275	1,226	1,269	1,277	1,266	1,287
Six Capitals (b) ..	906	1,009	1,010	1,050	1,145	1,230	1,190	1,209	1,226	1,232	1,252

(a) See note (a) on page 89.

(b) Weighted Average.

(c) See note (b) on page 90.

RETAIL PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS—COST OF FOOD, GROCERIES, AND HOUSING
(4 AND 5 ROOMED HOUSES). ("B" SERIES.)^(a)

(Base : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27 = 1,000.)

State and Town.	1938.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1948.		1949.			
							Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	
NEW SOUTH WALES—												
Sydney	941	1,036	1,038	1,082	1,173	1,252	1,214	1,229	1,250	1,257	1,273	
Newcastle	898	989	990	1,035	1,129	1,205	1,171	1,189	1,202	1,206	1,224	
Broken Hill	948	1,073	1,073	1,110	1,206	1,333	1,251	1,289	1,314	1,353	1,375	
Goulburn	908	997	996	1,030	1,130	1,225	1,178	1,212	1,223	1,222	1,244	
Bathurst	867	958	966	1,006	1,102	1,190	1,139	1,177	1,181	1,188	1,213	
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	937	1,032	1,034	1,078	1,169	1,249	1,211	1,226	1,247	1,254	1,270	
VICTORIA—												
Melbourne	902	1,022	1,019	1,054	1,154	1,243	1,203	1,227	1,246	1,240	1,263	
Ballarat	808	912	917	950	1,052	1,141	1,102	1,126	1,139	1,138	1,160	
Bendigo	817	926	928	952	1,048	1,140	1,089	1,121	1,137	1,138	1,165	
Geelong	872	957	961	1,012	1,116	1,204	1,162	1,187	1,200	1,200	1,230	
Warrnambool	898	1,008	1,020	1,042	1,134	1,212	1,176	1,200	1,211	1,209	1,227	
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	895	1,013	1,011	1,046	1,146	1,235	1,195	1,219	1,232	1,232	1,255	
QUEENSLAND—												
Brisbane	838	924	932	978	1,072	1,149	1,116	1,130	1,146	1,147	1,171	
Toowoomba	806	949	955	1,001	1,087	1,170	1,126	1,153	1,169	1,169	1,188	
Rockhampton	825	917	919	971	1,063	1,145	1,107	1,129	1,145	1,143	1,161	
Townsville	900	979	989	1,036	1,125	1,214	1,169	1,205	1,213	1,211	1,228	
Bundaberg	781	886	897	942	1,030	1,110	1,077	1,098	1,113	1,110	1,117	
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	837	928	936	982	1,074	1,153	1,118	1,136	1,151	1,151	1,173	
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—												
Adelaide	862	957	960	998	1,100	1,177	1,146	1,165	1,160	1,176	1,206	
Kadina, &c.	702	779	790	825	907	1,001	948	988	991	1,000	1,024	
Port Pirie	838	931	933	971	1,063	1,141	1,109	1,127	1,130	1,140	1,167	
Mount Gambier	801	895	903	931	1,022	1,091	1,058	1,079	1,085	1,089	1,111	
Peterborough	836	935	936	973	1,067	1,144	1,109	1,128	1,132	1,144	1,170	
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	855	949	952	990	1,091	1,168	1,137	1,156	1,152	1,167	1,197	
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—												
Perth, &c.	887	990	989	1,017	1,107	1,222	1,152	1,173	1,221	1,239	1,254	
Kalgoorlie, &c. ..	1,152	1,128	1,136	1,174	1,266	1,382	1,305	1,337	1,385	1,397	1,410	
Northam	911	1,001	1,003	1,034	1,131	1,257	1,176	1,201	1,261	1,277	1,289	
Bunbury	945	1,015	1,024	1,056	1,148	1,269	1,192	1,223	1,269	1,285	1,299	
Geraldton	974	1,072	1,073	1,103	1,193	1,315	1,235	1,263	1,318	1,331	1,349	
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	909	1,002	1,003	1,031	1,122	1,237	1,166	1,189	1,237	1,254	1,269	
TASMANIA—												
Hobart	891	998	1,014	1,053	1,165	1,275	1,226	1,269	1,277	1,266	1,287	
Launceston	867	943	956	1,001	1,113	1,227	1,163	1,220	1,230	1,223	1,234	
Burnie	880	954	969	1,006	1,108	1,225	1,151	1,205	1,217	1,231	1,247	
Devonport	846	924	939	976	1,078	1,197	1,120	1,177	1,186	1,200	1,223	
Queenstown	900	1,014	1,028	1,067	1,173	1,267	1,223	1,262	1,268	1,251	1,285	
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	882	977	992	1,032	1,143	1,254	1,199	1,247	1,256	1,248	1,266	
THIRTY TOWNS(b) ..	902	1,003	1,005	1,045	1,140	1,226	1,185	1,206	1,222	1,227	1,248	
SIX CAPITALS(b) ..	906	1,009	1,010	1,050	1,145	1,230	1,190	1,209	1,226	1,232	1,252	
Warwick (Q.) (c) ..	732	891	904	956	1,039	1,124	1,080	1,103	1,124	1,128	1,141	
Port Augusta (S.A.) (c) ..	831	925	929	968	1,063	1,144	1,111	1,128	1,129	1,140	1,177	
Whyalla (S.A.) (c) ..	..	..	..	1,013	1,103	1,176	1,147	1,155	1,160	1,173	1,215	
Canberra (A.C.T.) (c) (d)	1,043	1,059	1,062	1,096	1,191	1,280	1,243	1,266	1,271	1,280	1,304	

(a) See footnote (a) on page 89. (b) Weighted Average. (c) Not included in weighted averages above. (d) New series from 1938. To secure comparison with "B" Series index-numbers for Canberra for periods prior to the September quarter, 1938, the new series index-numbers should be multiplied by 1.090.

RETAIL PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS—COST OF FOOD AND GROCERIES.

(Base : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.)

State and Town.	1939.	1948.			1949.				crease from Aug. 1939 to Dec. 1949.	
	Aug.	Month.			Dec. Qtr.	Month.				Dec. Qtr.
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.		
NEW SOUTH WALES—										
Sydney	926	1,308	1,321	1,348	1,326	1,390	1,416	1,457	1,421	57.3
Newcastle	960	1,317	1,351	1,370	1,346	1,400	1,428	1,466	1,431	52.7
Broken Hill	1,069	1,532	1,577	1,593	1,567	1,750	1,764	1,779	1,764	66.4
Goulburn	991	1,340	1,357	1,413	1,370	1,440	1,479	1,505	1,475	51.9
Bathurst	939	1,314	1,323	1,357	1,331	1,427	1,451	1,476	1,451	57.2
FIVE TOWNS (a) ..	932	1,313	1,329	1,355	1,332	1,398	1,424	1,465	1,429	57.2
VICTORIA—										
Melbourne	931	1,341	1,352	1,372	1,355	1,425	1,448	1,479	1,451	58.9
Ballarat	939	1,330	1,348	1,370	1,349	1,411	1,426	1,492	1,443	58.9
Bendigo	915	1,296	1,312	1,331	1,313	1,407	1,420	1,474	1,434	61.1
Geelong	942	1,332	1,341	1,354	1,342	1,419	1,443	1,496	1,453	58.8
Warrnambool .. .	952	1,320	1,340	1,349	1,336	1,397	1,416	1,447	1,420	52.0
FIVE TOWNS (a) ..	932	1,339	1,350	1,370	1,353	1,423	1,446	1,480	1,450	58.8
QUEENSLAND—										
Brisbane	855	1,260	1,286	1,293	1,280	1,343	1,364	1,394	1,367	63.0
Toowoomba	812	1,249	1,304	1,314	1,289	1,357	1,369	1,411	1,379	73.8
Rockhampton .. .	893	1,298	1,319	1,326	1,314	1,370	1,382	1,421	1,391	59.1
Townsville	948	1,318	1,374	1,409	1,367	1,440	1,454	1,495	1,463	57.7
Bundaberg	906	1,317	1,334	1,345	1,332	1,371	1,377	1,432	1,393	58.1
FIVE TOWNS (a) ..	862	1,268	1,297	1,306	1,290	1,353	1,372	1,405	1,377	63.0
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—										
Adelaide	882	1,277	1,314	1,324	1,305	1,367	1,393	1,433	1,398	62.5
Kadina, Moonta, Wallaroo ..	980	1,273	1,313	1,310	1,299	1,400	1,422	1,452	1,425	48.2
Port Pirie	1,001	1,340	1,378	1,389	1,369	1,437	1,458	1,496	1,464	49.5
Mount Gambier ..	930	1,256	1,279	1,308	1,281	1,341	1,359	1,392	1,364	49.7
Peterborough .. .	983	1,310	1,346	1,350	1,335	1,415	1,424	1,472	1,437	49.7
FIVE TOWNS (a) ..	891	1,279	1,316	1,326	1,307	1,370	1,396	1,435	1,400	61.1
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—										
Perth and Fremantle ..	947	1,307	1,332	1,333	1,324	1,474	1,495	1,496	1,488	58.0
Kalgoorlie and Boulder ..	1,102	1,423	1,459	1,468	1,450	1,597	1,622	1,624	1,614	47.4
Northam	981	1,322	1,355	1,359	1,345	1,489	1,506	1,507	1,501	53.6
Bunbury	975	1,300	1,339	1,344	1,328	1,472	1,496	1,497	1,488	53.5
Geraldton	958	1,324	1,359	1,360	1,348	1,498	1,533	1,535	1,522	60.2
FIVE TOWNS (a) ..	960	1,316	1,343	1,344	1,334	1,484	1,506	1,506	1,499	56.9
TASMANIA—										
Hobart	914	1,358	1,397	1,492	1,416	1,501	1,509	1,533	1,514	67.7
Launceston	905	1,292	1,319	1,452	1,354	1,448	1,470	1,490	1,469	64.6
Burnie	942	1,289	1,307	1,444	1,347	1,482	1,504	1,529	1,505	62.3
Devonport	930	1,294	1,308	1,443	1,348	1,492	1,514	1,536	1,514	65.2
Queenstown	1,018	1,448	1,459	1,558	1,488	1,566	1,579	1,627	1,590	59.8
FIVE TOWNS (a) ..	917	1,335	1,368	1,478	1,394	1,486	1,499	1,523	1,503	66.1
THIRTY TOWNS (a) ..	922	1,314	1,333	1,354	1,334	1,407	1,430	1,464	1,434	58.8
SIX CAPITALS (a) ..	918	1,312	1,329	1,350	1,330	1,402	1,426	1,460	1,429	59.0
Lithgow (N.S.W.) (b) ..	948	1,347	1,384	1,383	1,371	1,437	1,462	1,501	1,467	58.3
Yallourn (V.) (b) ..	991	1,314	1,319	1,350	1,328	1,391	1,405	1,438	1,411	45.1
Warwick (Q.) (b) ..	851	1,252	1,303	1,315	1,290	1,367	1,382	1,415	1,388	66.3
Port Augusta (S.A.) (b) ..	994	1,331	1,379	1,379	1,363	1,432	1,454	1,506	1,464	51.5
Whyalla (S.A.) (b) ..	(c)	1,355	1,427	1,395	1,392	1,471	1,500	1,538	1,503	..
Rosebery (T.) (b) ..	1,028	1,415	1,473	1,532	1,473	1,570	1,572	1,607	1,583	56.3
Canberra (A.C.T.) (b) ..	1,046	1,361	1,427	1,443	1,410	1,481	1,509	1,543	1,511	47.5

(a) Weighted average.

(b) Not included in weighted averages above.

(c) Not available. 

THE ALL ITEMS ("C" SERIES) RETAIL PRICE INDEX.

Retail Price Index-Numbers—Cost of Food, Groceries, Housing (4 and 5 Roomed Houses), Clothing and Miscellaneous Household Requirements.(a)

(Base : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.)

State and Town.	1933.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1948.	1949.				
							Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	
NEW SOUTH WALES—												
Sydney	913	1,142	1,165	1,212	1,318	1,439	1,359	1,391	1,425	1,452	1,486	
Newcastle	877	1,100	1,119	1,167	1,279	1,402	1,324	1,352	1,393	1,413	1,449	
Broken Hill	940	1,192	1,216	1,257	1,376	1,528	1,419	1,461	1,504	1,554	1,593	
Goulburn	893	1,114	1,134	1,177	1,291	1,426	1,341	1,380	1,421	1,434	1,467	
Bathurst	860	1,091	1,116	1,162	1,277	1,403	1,318	1,358	1,393	1,411	1,448	
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	911	1,139	1,162	1,208	1,315	1,437	1,357	1,389	1,424	1,451	1,485	
VICTORIA—												
Melbourne	896	1,135	1,149	1,188	1,294	1,415	1,345	1,363	1,402	1,422	1,472	
Ballarat	850	1,086	1,094	1,132	1,243	1,365	1,294	1,315	1,355	1,369	1,420	
Bendigo	854	1,099	1,107	1,141	1,244	1,365	1,290	1,314	1,355	1,366	1,424	
Geelong	884	1,113	1,124	1,170	1,278	1,397	1,325	1,344	1,385	1,401	1,457	
Warrnambool	892	1,139	1,153	1,186	1,283	1,398	1,329	1,349	1,387	1,404	1,451	
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	893	1,131	1,145	1,184	1,290	1,411	1,341	1,359	1,399	1,417	1,468	
QUEENSLAND—												
Brisbane	852	1,072	1,093	1,137	1,241	1,348	1,291	1,295	1,338	1,364	1,393	
Toowoomba	843	1,087	1,107	1,152	1,246	1,360	1,292	1,304	1,349	1,377	1,408	
Rockhampton	853	1,079	1,096	1,140	1,241	1,357	1,290	1,307	1,349	1,373	1,399	
Townsville	902	1,114	1,136	1,181	1,282	1,404	1,335	1,356	1,397	1,418	1,444	
Bundaberg	831	1,054	1,074	1,115	1,221	1,335	1,276	1,287	1,327	1,352	1,374	
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	854	1,075	1,097	1,140	1,244	1,352	1,294	1,300	1,343	1,368	1,397	
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—												
Adelaide	888	1,102	1,120	1,165	1,277	1,393	1,327	1,347	1,377	1,408	1,440	
Kadina, &c.	786	999	1,020	1,067	1,166	1,295	1,207	1,241	1,290	1,309	1,340	
Port Pirie	868	1,085	1,106	1,152	1,260	1,369	1,308	1,322	1,356	1,381	1,416	
Mount Gambier	849	1,070	1,093	1,134	1,235	1,340	1,271	1,291	1,331	1,354	1,382	
Peterborough	868	1,093	1,108	1,152	1,253	1,368	1,295	1,317	1,352	1,382	1,419	
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	883	1,098	1,116	1,160	1,272	1,388	1,321	1,342	1,372	1,402	1,435	
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—												
Perth, &c.	882	1,107	1,127	1,161	1,264	1,410	1,316	1,338	1,406	1,435	1,459	
Kalgoorlie, &c.	1,048	1,202	1,223	1,265	1,368	1,502	1,415	1,441	1,498	1,525	1,544	
Northam	900	1,113	1,133	1,171	1,272	1,420	1,322	1,347	1,419	1,446	1,467	
Bunbury	914	1,115	1,136	1,173	1,277	1,424	1,327	1,355	1,421	1,447	1,472	
Geraldton	957	1,170	1,187	1,221	1,327	1,475	1,383	1,411	1,472	1,494	1,521	
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	897	1,116	1,136	1,170	1,273	1,418	1,325	1,348	1,414	1,443	1,467	
TASMANIA—												
Hobart	887	1,107	1,138	1,178	1,292	1,419	1,344	1,379	1,412	1,425	1,459	
Launceston	872	1,072	1,099	1,147	1,254	1,389	1,301	1,346	1,385	1,398	1,425	
Burnie	865	1,063	1,093	1,132	1,232	1,367	1,279	1,323	1,355	1,382	1,406	
Devonport	848	1,045	1,079	1,119	1,220	1,351	1,259	1,306	1,337	1,364	1,398	
Queenstown	875	1,110	1,139	1,179	1,280	1,400	1,325	1,361	1,395	1,407	1,436	
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	879	1,092	1,121	1,164	1,274	1,404	1,324	1,363	1,397	1,411	1,443	
THIRTY TOWNS(b) ..	894	1,123	1,142	1,185	1,292	1,413	1,338	1,362	1,401	1,425	1,463	
SIX CAPITALS(b) ..	897	1,126	1,145	1,188	1,295	1,415	1,341	1,364	1,403	1,428	1,466	
Warwick (Q.) (c) ..	800	1,064	1,087	1,138	1,234	1,349	1,282	1,294	1,339	1,371	1,390	
Port Augusta (S.A.) (c) ..	863	1,084	1,105	1,157	1,267	1,373	1,313	1,325	1,355	1,387	1,426	
Whyalla (S.A.) (c) ..	..	..	..	1,175	1,277	1,379	1,313	1,329	1,365	1,391	1,430	
Canberra (A.C.T.) (c) ..	966	1,149	1,170	1,210	1,327	1,456	1,375	1,408	1,445	1,466	1,503	

(a) Owing to the revisions resulting from the 1936 Conference of Statisticians, certain slight breaks of continuity appear after the June quarter, 1936, in the group index-numbers for Rent for certain towns. The revision of the whole system has been so arranged, however, that this break does not extend to the group index-numbers for the Six Capital Cities, or to the index-numbers for all groups combined for individual towns.

(b) Weighted average.

(c) Not included in weighted averages above.

RETAIL PRICE INDEXES.

The All Items ("C" Series) Index and its Group Index-Numbers for the Six Capital Cities combined.

(Base of Each Group : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27 = 1,000.) (a)

Period.	Food and Groceries.	Rent (4 and 5 Roomed Houses). (b)	Food, Groceries and Rent (4 and 5 Roomed Houses). ("B" Series).	Clothing.	Miscellaneous.	All Items ("C" Series).
Year—						
1914 (c)	641	649	644	754	749	687
1919 (c)	1,026	768	934	1,238	1,036	1,022
1924	969	988	975	1,003	1,004	987
1925	998	1,008	1,002	991	992	997
1926	1,023	1,026	1,024	986	998	1,011
1927	1,000	1,030	1,011	975	1,008	1,002
1928	985	1,066	1,014	997	1,010	1,009
1929	1,044	1,073	1,054	996	1,007	1,033
1930	941	1,047	978	951	999	976
1931	826	901	852	853	973	873
1932	796	817	803	804	958	830
1933	751	804	768	787	950	804
1934	783	810	792	785	944	817
1935	806	839	818	783	946	832
1936	825	879	844	792	947	850
1937	851	912	872	811	960	873
1938	886	942	906	829	961	897
1939	927	965	939	841	962	920
1940	939	973	950	956	998	957
1941	947	976	956	1,118	1,060	1,008
1942	1,031	976	1,007	1,308	1,112	1,091
1943	1,037	975	1,011	1,440	1,160	1,131
1944	1,026	976	1,004	1,435	1,165	1,126
1945	1,034	975	1,009	1,425	1,161	1,126
1946	1,036	976	1,010	1,505	1,167	1,145
1947	1,100	977	1,050	1,566	1,199	1,188
1948	1,256	979	1,145	1,744	1,257	1,295
1949	1,394	982	1,230	1,997	1,338	1,415
Quarter—						
1939—September ..	920	967	936	836	961	916
1945—September ..	1,040	975	1,013	1,415	1,161	1,126
1946—September ..	1,029	976	1,006	1,521	1,167	1,146
1947—September ..	1,104	977	1,052	1,566	1,213	1,192
1948—September ..	1,274	979	1,156	1,778	1,271	1,311
1949—March ..	1,361	981	1,209	1,849	1,304	1,364
June ..	1,388	981	1,226	1,963	1,325	1,403
September ..	1,396	982	1,232	2,043	1,345	1,428
December ..	1,429	983	1,252	2,132	1,378	1,466

(a) The index-numbers given in the separate columns of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show, for example, the relative cost of housing, and food and groceries, since the cost in each group or combination in 1923-27 is made equal to 1,000.

(b) Rent.—The rent index-numbers shown in the table above and others in this bulletin measure the proportionate rise and fall in the average weekly rentals paid for houses of four and five rooms taking corresponding houses throughout. They are "price" indexes in the strict sense, i.e., they are designed to measure only the "price" element in rent fluctuations. Similarly, "average rents" shown in the ensuing pages are indexes of "price" changes in rentals expressed in terms of pence. They are not the average of rents actually paid by all tenants of 4 and 5-roomed houses. It would be inappropriate to include the average of rents actually paid in an index designed to measure price changes only. The average of rents actually paid is ascertained periodically by Census methods (see also page 2 of Labour Report No. 36).

(c) November.

**NEW SOUTH WALES—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED
FOR THE YEAR 1949: ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1949.**

RETAIL PRICES AND HOUSE RENTS.

Article.	Unit.	SYDNEY.			NEWCASTLE.			BROKEN HILL.			GOULBURN.			BATHURST.		
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread ..	2 lb.	7.87	7.87	7.87	7.50	7.50	7.50	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
Flour, ordinary ..	"	6.25	6.25	6.19	6.60	6.60	6.60	6.14	6.14	6.14	6.60	6.40	6.40	6.00	6.00	6.26
" self-raising ..	"	10.00	10.00	10.05	10.79	10.79	10.79	9.64	9.93	9.79	11.80	11.90	11.90	11.60	11.60	11.60
Tea ..	1 lb.	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.93	33.93	33.86	33.86	33.86	33.86	33.70	33.70	33.70	33.60	33.60	33.60
Sugar ..	"	4.50	5.00	5.00	4.75	5.18	5.25	5.48	5.86	6.00	5.00	5.50	5.50	4.75	5.25	5.25
Sago ..	"	9.85	9.65	9.28	11.50	11.25	11.25	10.50	10.50	10.43	10.88	9.80	9.80	10.30	10.20	10.40
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	18.05	18.00	18.05	18.96	18.96	18.96	18.00	18.00	17.93	18.30	18.30	18.30	18.30	18.30	18.30
Golden syrup ..	2 lb.	8.11	8.85	8.90	9.57	9.79	10.17	10.43	10.86	11.07	9.90	10.30	10.30	9.20	9.50	10.20
Oats, flaked ..	1 lb.	6.04	6.04	6.04	6.04	6.04	6.04	6.88	6.88	6.88	7.00	7.25	7.25	6.33	6.33	6.50
Raisins, seeded ..	"	17.00	17.00	17.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	17.86	17.86	17.86	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.50	17.50	17.50
Currants ..	"	13.10	13.10	13.20	13.17	13.25	13.25	13.79	13.93	13.93	13.13	13.13	13.13	13.13	13.25	13.00
Apricots, dried ..	"	25.18	26.00	26.00	24.50	24.50	24.50	27.50	27.50	27.33	27.50	27.50	27.50	25.17	25.17	25.17
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	10.60	10.60	10.60	19.79	10.86	19.79	20.80	20.90	20.90	20.60	20.60	20.60	20.13	20.18	20.40
Pears, canned ..	"	20.50	20.50	20.50	20.75	20.83	20.75	21.29	21.29	21.33	21.60	21.60	21.50	21.00	21.00	21.00
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	21.00	24.17	24.14	21.00	24.50	24.50	26.00	27.71	30.29	23.00	27.40	28.00	24.20	27.30	27.30
Onions, brown ..	1 lb.	4.17	8.92	8.92	4.00	4.08	4.00	3.93	4.14	4.36	4.00	3.80	3.80	4.10	4.00	4.20
Soap ..	"	9.43	9.43	9.43	9.51	9.51	9.51	11.00	11.00	11.00	10.29	10.29	10.29	10.06	10.06	10.06
Kerosene ..	quart	6.74	6.74	6.74	7.18	7.18	7.18	7.86	7.89	7.89	7.45	7.48	7.53	7.33	7.28	7.50
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	1 lb.	26.00	26.00	26.00	26.00	26.00	26.00	28.50	28.50	28.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50
Cheese, mild ..	"	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.75	19.83	19.75	21.00	21.00	21.21	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.25	20.00	20.25
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	85.45	85.50	88.45	85.50	85.50	88.45	88.56	88.50	40.71	35.90	35.90	35.90	35.40	35.40	38.10
Bacon, rashers ..	1 lb.	36.25	38.75	39.10	35.07	37.92	37.92	41.67	41.67	41.67	35.10	37.60	37.60	35.88	38.00	38.25
Milk, condensed ..	tin	13.40	13.50	13.50	13.36	13.50	13.50	14.00	14.00	14.00	13.90	14.50	14.50	13.60	14.30	14.30
" fresh ..	quart	10.00	10.00	10.00	9.50	9.50	9.50	13.00	13.00	13.00	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	1 lb.	17.00	17.00	19.00	17.00	17.00	19.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	16.00	16.00	16.80	15.25	15.25	15.75
" rib ..	"	10.00	10.00	12.00	10.20	10.20	12.00	19.67	19.67	19.67	10.00	10.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
" steak, rump ..	"	26.60	26.00	28.55	26.71	26.71	28.86	31.00	31.00	31.00	24.90	24.90	26.40	24.50	24.50	26.25
" " chuck ..	"	12.00	12.00	14.00	12.14	12.14	14.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	12.00	12.40	12.80	12.00	12.00	13.00
" sausages ..	"	12.05	12.10	12.05	12.50	12.50	12.88	14.00	14.00	14.00	12.00	12.60	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	14.00	14.00	15.50	14.48	14.57	15.79	21.00	21.00	21.00	14.00	14.00	14.50	13.50	13.50	14.50
" " brisket ..	"	11.00	11.00	11.95	11.48	11.57	12.43	19.00	19.00	19.00	12.50	12.50	12.90	11.88	11.98	13.25
Mutton, leg ..	"	11.40	11.40	11.55	12.00	12.00	12.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	13.33	13.67	13.67	13.50	13.50	13.50
" forequarter ..	"	6.85	6.85	7.05	7.33	7.33	7.33	13.00	13.00	13.00	8.17	8.17	8.17	8.00	8.00	8.00
" loin ..	"	14.00	14.00	14.20	14.33	14.33	14.33	20.14	20.14	20.14	14.67	15.00	15.67	13.50	13.50	13.50
" chops, loin ..	"	14.70	14.70	15.00	15.17	15.17	15.17	21.00	21.00	21.00	15.33	16.00	16.00	14.25	14.25	14.25
" " leg ..	"	14.80	14.80	15.00	15.17	15.17	15.17	20.00	20.00	19.86	15.33	16.00	16.00	14.25	14.25	14.25
Pork, leg ..	"	27.33	29.00	31.00	26.33	27.17	30.00	24.00	24.00	25.14	22.25	25.83	27.75	21.00	22.00	24.83
" loin ..	"	28.22	29.89	31.56	26.33	27.17	30.00	24.00	24.00	25.14	22.25	25.83	27.75	21.00	22.00	24.83
" chops ..	"	28.44	30.11	31.78	26.33	27.17	30.00	27.00	27.00	27.86	24.00	26.00	27.75	23.00	23.75	25.67
House Rents (a) ..	4 and 5 Rooms	..	232.82	..	..	244.70	..	..	195.69	..	..	224.19	..	..	213.86	..

(a) Revised Series comparable only with averages published since December Quarter, 1936. See also footnote (b), page 90.

**VICTORIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF THE FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED
FOR THE YEAR 1919; ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1919.**

RETAIL PRICES AND HOUSE RENTS.

Article.	Unit.	MELBOURNE.			BALLARAT.			BENDIGO.			GEELONG.			WARRNAMBOOL.		
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread ..	2 lb.	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
Flour, ordinary ..	"	5.70	5.70	5.70	5.50	5.50	5.50	6.07	6.08	6.08	5.60	5.60	5.60	5.80	5.80	5.80
" self-raising ..	"	9.50	9.50	9.95	9.93	9.93	10.79	10.43	10.57	11.00	9.80	9.80	9.90	10.50	10.50	11.00
Tea ..	1 lb.	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.50	33.50	33.50	33.57	33.57	33.57	33.50	33.50	33.50	33.50	33.50	33.50
Sugar ..	"	4.50	5.00	5.00	4.94	5.43	5.50	5.00	5.43	5.50	4.75	5.25	5.25	4.87	5.37	5.37
Sago ..	"	8.78	8.72	8.39	9.07	8.57	8.43	8.79	8.57	8.57	8.60	8.80	8.60	8.80	8.60	8.60
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	15.85	15.85	15.95	16.64	16.71	16.71	16.14	16.14	16.14	16.20	16.20	16.20	16.90	16.90	16.90
Golden syrup ..	2 lb.	8.71	8.86	9.44	9.90	10.10	10.58	10.00	10.25	10.25	9.67	10.00	9.88	10.13	10.13	11.13
Oats, flaked ..	1 lb.	5.47	5.61	5.69	5.64	5.68	5.88	5.96	6.29	6.17	5.38	5.38	5.69	6.13	6.25	6.25
Raisins, seeded ..	"	16.78	16.78	17.11	17.50	17.60	17.70	16.50	17.60	17.42	16.75	17.33	17.38	17.70	17.90	17.90
Currants ..	"	13.00	12.94	13.22	13.21	13.43	13.43	13.57	13.57	13.71	13.10	13.20	13.20	13.80	13.60	13.60
Apricots, dried ..	"	25.00	25.00	25.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	25.67	25.67	25.67	26.00	26.83	26.83	25.50	25.50	25.50
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	18.55	18.65	18.55	19.21	19.29	19.36	19.21	19.43	19.43	18.50	18.50	18.70	19.00	19.00	19.00
Pears, canned ..	"	19.70	19.75	19.70	20.50	20.57	20.71	20.14	20.29	20.29	20.13	20.13	20.10	21.20	21.20	21.30
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	21.00	22.25	21.69	21.50	22.00	25.33	24.14	23.71	27.78	21.00	21.00	25.82	20.75	22.15	22.40
Onions, brown ..	1 lb.	3.25	4.08	3.58	3.00	3.29	3.93	4.25	4.50	4.57	3.00	3.88	4.33	2.80	2.80	3.10
Soap ..	"	10.67	10.67	10.67	10.38	10.38	10.38	10.38	10.48	10.48	10.40	10.40	10.40	11.65	10.65	10.83
Kerosene ..	quart	6.85	6.84	6.85	6.79	6.79	6.73	7.38	7.45	7.61	6.55	6.55	6.55	7.28	7.28	7.28
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	1 lb.	26.30	26.30	26.30	26.29	26.29	26.29	26.64	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50
Cheese, mild ..	"	18.63	18.50	18.50	18.75	18.67	18.67	19.50	19.40	19.50	18.40	18.30	18.30	19.33	19.17	19.17
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	33.00	33.00	33.90	32.83	33.00	33.83	33.00	33.00	33.86	33.00	33.00	34.00	33.00	33.00	34.00
Bacon, rashers ..	1 lb.	38.38	40.38	40.38	37.86	38.83	40.14	38.86	40.14	40.43	37.80	39.70	40.30	38.10	40.40	40.40
Milk, condensed ..	tin	13.90	14.00	14.00	13.64	14.14	14.14	14.50	14.57	14.57	13.90	13.90	13.90	14.50	14.60	14.60
" fresh ..	quart	10.18	10.18	10.18	9.85	9.85	9.85	9.50	9.50	9.50	9.65	9.65	9.80	9.13	9.13	9.13
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	1 lb.	17.90	17.90	19.50	17.00	17.00	19.00	16.00	16.00	17.00	17.25	17.25	19.00	16.80	16.80	18.00
" rib ..	"	14.70	14.70	16.45	14.29	14.29	16.57	12.29	12.29	13.86	14.60	15.10	16.70	12.50	12.50	13.50
" steak, rump ..	"	26.65	26.65	28.20	25.57	25.57	28.00	23.57	25.57	26.00	26.20	26.80	28.40	23.10	23.10	24.40
" chuck ..	"	12.30	12.30	13.70	12.00	12.00	13.83	11.71	11.71	13.14	12.20	12.80	14.00	11.80	11.80	12.80
" sausages ..	"	10.90	11.00	12.30	10.86	10.86	12.71	10.43	10.43	11.57	11.00	11.20	12.40	11.20	11.20	12.00
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	16.70	16.70	18.40	16.14	16.14	18.57	15.00	15.00	16.43	16.60	16.90	18.70	15.20	15.20	16.70
" brisket ..	"	11.22	11.22	12.78	10.29	10.29	12.29	10.71	10.86	12.00	10.80	11.40	12.80	11.20	11.20	12.20
Mutton, leg ..	"	13.88	13.88	13.88	13.50	13.50	13.64	13.36	13.36	13.50	13.70	13.70	13.60	13.60	13.60	13.80
" forequarter ..	"	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.29	7.29	7.29	7.14	7.29	7.43	7.70	7.70	7.70	8.00	8.00	8.00
" loin ..	"	12.29	12.29	12.29	11.57	11.57	11.71	12.00	12.14	12.43	11.80	11.80	12.00	11.70	11.70	11.70
" chops, loin ..	"	12.75	12.75	12.75	12.57	12.57	12.57	13.70	13.70	13.43	12.80	12.80	12.70	13.40	13.40	13.40
" " leg ..	"	13.94	13.94	13.94	13.79	13.79	13.79	13.70	13.70	13.43	13.80	13.80	13.70	13.50	13.50	13.50
Pork, leg ..	"	27.71	30.14	32.14	25.75	25.75	29.25	21.50	22.25	27.75	29.75	30.00	32.00	24.00	24.00	27.00
" loin ..	"	29.43	30.86	32.71	25.75	25.75	29.25	22.00	22.75	28.25	30.00	30.25	32.00	24.00	24.00	27.00
" chops ..	"	30.14	32.00	38.29	26.50	26.50	30.75	23.75	23.75	28.75	31.25	31.50	32.75	24.00	24.00	27.00
House Rents (a) ..	4 and 5 Rooms	..	263.54	..	..	182.86	..	..	189.75	..	..	239.78	..	..	234.94	..

(a) Revised Series comparable only with averages published since December Quarter, 1936. - See also footnote (b), page 90.

**QUEENSLAND—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th DECEMBER OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED
FOR THE YEAR 19:9 ; ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 19:9.**

Article.	Unit.	BRISBANE.			TOOWOOMBA.			ROCKHAMPTON.			TOWNSVILLE.			BUNDABERG.		
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread ..	2 lb.	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.00	8.00	8.00
Flour, ordinary ..	"	5.36	5.36	5.36	5.43	5.43	5.43	6.64	6.64	6.57	6.20	6.20	6.20	5.90	5.90	5.90
" self-raising ..	"	11.23	11.23	11.23	12.50	12.67	12.67	12.71	12.71	12.71	13.40	13.40	13.40	12.50	12.50	12.50
Tea ..	lb.	32.32	31.64	31.41	33.14	31.93	31.93	33.50	33.50	33.00	33.30	33.30	33.30	33.30	33.30	33.10
Sugar ..	"	4.46	4.78	4.91	4.72	5.02	5.17	4.86	5.00	5.21	5.65	5.75	6.17	4.47	4.67	4.97
Sago ..	"	8.45	8.65	8.75	9.43	9.43	9.29	10.79	10.50	9.71	11.63	11.00	10.50	11.00	10.80	10.20
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	15.59	15.59	15.64	16.50	16.50	16.50	17.21	17.21	17.14	17.60	17.60	17.60	15.90	15.90	16.00
Golden syrup ..	2 lb.	8.14	8.40	8.55	8.93	9.43	9.50	9.29	9.21	9.71	9.70	9.70	10.00	8.40	9.00	9.00
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.75	6.75	6.75	7.00	7.00	7.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
Raisins, seeded ..	"	16.91	16.91	17.00	17.38	17.38	17.50	17.70	17.58	17.50	17.80	17.80	17.80	16.80	16.90	17.40
Currants ..	"	13.67	13.67	13.67	13.64	13.64	13.64	13.50	13.79	14.10	13.75	13.75	14.00	13.63	13.63	13.88
Apricots, dried ..	"	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	26.50	26.50	26.50	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	20.89	20.88	20.83	22.43	22.43	22.43	21.43	21.43	21.43	22.30	22.30	22.20	21.70	21.70	21.70
Pears, canned ..	"	21.92	21.92	21.86	22.75	22.75	22.75	22.40	22.43	22.43	23.20	23.20	23.20	22.50	22.50	22.50
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	23.09	23.09	23.05	25.07	23.93	25.07	25.29	25.21	25.21	27.70	27.70	27.70	24.40	24.40	24.40
Onions, brown ..	lb.	3.68	3.50	3.41	3.79	3.79	3.64	4.07	4.07	4.07	4.30	4.20	4.20	3.70	3.70	3.60
Soap ..	"	9.82	9.85	9.82	10.28	10.28	10.28	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Kerosene ..	quart	6.29	6.29	6.29	6.90	6.92	6.92	7.75	7.75	7.75	6.83	6.83	6.83	6.85	6.85	6.83
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	25.91	25.91	25.91	25.71	25.71	25.71	25.71	25.71	25.71	27.90	27.90	27.90	25.70	25.70	25.70
Cheese, mild ..	"	17.59	17.41	17.41	17.43	17.43	17.43	18.21	18.21	18.21	19.80	19.80	20.00	17.80	17.80	18.00
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	36.00	36.00	36.00	32.50	32.50	33.00	25.43	25.14	27.86	30.00	32.00	32.00	23.50	23.50	28.80
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	28.00	32.55	33.14	27.93	32.50	32.50	28.57	32.79	33.14	29.50	33.80	34.00	27.60	31.80	32.80
Milk, condensed ..	tin	13.23	13.50	13.55	13.57	13.93	13.93	13.50	14.21	14.21	13.70	14.00	14.30	13.20	13.60	13.60
" fresh ..	quart	10.10	10.10	10.10	9.67	9.67	9.67	10.00	10.00	10.00	12.10	12.10	12.10	9.60	9.00	9.50
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	17.00	17.35	18.55	17.50	17.50	18.93	17.00	17.00	18.50	17.50	17.50	19.00	17.40	17.40	19.00
" rib ..	"	9.28	9.61	11.50	10.00	10.00	12.00	9.50	9.50	11.50	10.00	10.00	12.00	10.00	10.00	12.00
" steak, rump ..	"	21.55	21.95	23.55	21.50	21.50	23.50	19.00	19.00	21.00	19.50	19.50	21.50	19.50	19.50	21.50
" chuck ..	"	10.50	10.90	12.00	10.00	10.00	11.50	11.00	11.00	12.50	10.00	10.00	11.50	11.50	11.50	13.00
" sausages ..	"	10.83	10.83	11.06	10.50	10.50	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.43	10.50	10.50	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.50
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	13.00	13.40	15.00	14.50	14.50	16.50	14.14	14.14	16.00	13.50	13.50	15.50	14.50	14.50	16.50
" brisket ..	"	10.50	10.80	12.00	11.50	11.50	13.00	12.93	12.93	14.50	10.80	10.80	12.40	13.00	13.00	14.50
Mutton, leg ..	"	12.20	12.20	12.15	12.50	12.50	12.50	12.71	12.71	12.71	13.50	13.50	13.50	14.50	14.50	14.50
" forequarter ..	"	7.55	7.60	7.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.50	8.50	8.50	10.70	10.70	10.50
" loin ..	"	11.28	11.28	11.39	11.50	11.50	11.50	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.50	11.50	11.50	13.70	13.70	13.70
" chops, loin ..	"	12.55	12.55	12.55	12.50	12.50	12.50	12.71	12.71	12.71	11.50	11.50	11.50	14.50	14.50	14.50
" leg ..	"	12.22	12.22	12.22	12.50	12.50	12.50	12.43	12.43	12.43	13.50	13.50	13.50	14.40	14.40	14.50
Pork, leg ..	"	25.30	25.65	26.72	17.86	19.57	23.57	19.07	19.36	20.93	23.00	23.50	24.25	18.40	18.40	22.20
" loin ..	"	25.35	25.90	27.00	19.36	20.86	23.29	20.00	20.29	21.21	21.60	22.25	22.75	19.20	19.20	22.60
" chops ..	"	25.75	26.25	27.06	20.14	21.36	23.57	20.43	20.71	21.93	21.60	22.25	22.75	20.10	20.10	22.60
House Rents (a) ..	4 and 5 Rooms	..	235.26	..	..	225.42	..	..	218.46	..	..	218.36	..	..	174.10	..

(a) Revised Series comparable only with averages published since December Quarter, 1936. See also footnote (b), page 90.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED FOR THE YEAR 1949 : ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1949.

Article.	Unit.	ADELAIDE.			KADINA.			PORT PIKE.			MOUNT GAMBIER.			PETERBOROUGH.		
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread ..	2 lb.	7.50	7.50	7.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50
Flour, ordinary ..	"	5.55	5.55	5.55	5.43	5.43	5.50	5.71	5.64	5.64	5.50	5.50	5.50	6.13	6.13	6.13
" self-raising ..	"	8.20	8.50	8.55	9.00	9.14	9.36	9.29	9.50	9.50	9.40	9.40	9.60	9.38	9.50	9.63
Tea ..	lb.	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.50	33.50	33.50	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.40	33.40	33.40	33.50	33.50	33.50
Sugar ..	"	4.50	4.95	5.00	4.83	5.32	5.33	4.93	5.24	5.38	4.97	5.47	5.47	5.00	5.25	5.50
Sago ..	"	8.89	8.78	8.67	9.86	9.29	9.43	10.25	10.25	9.92	10.00	10.00	10.10	11.00	10.50	10.50
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	16.40	16.40	16.40	17.14	17.00	17.00	17.07	17.07	17.07	17.40	17.40	17.40	17.63	17.63	17.63
Golden syrup ..	2 lb.	8.50	8.75	9.17	9.29	9.29	9.29	9.50	9.50	9.50	9.67	9.67	9.67	9.50	9.50	9.63
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	6.08	6.08	6.08	6.25	6.25	6.25	7.17	7.17	7.17	5.50	5.50	5.50	7.00	7.00	7.00
Raisins, seeded ..	"	17.13	17.17	17.17	18.00	18.00	18.00	17.25	17.40	17.60	17.90	17.90	17.90	18.00	18.00	18.00
Currants ..	"	13.60	13.55	13.55	13.79	13.79	13.71	13.71	13.71	13.67	13.70	13.70	13.70	14.00	14.25	14.25
Apricots, dried ..	"	25.79	25.79	25.79	27.17	27.17	27.17	28.17	28.33	28.33	25.80	25.80	25.80	25.75	25.75	25.88
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	18.50	18.50	18.50	19.38	19.38	19.38	19.50	19.43	19.43	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.63	19.63	19.50
Pears, canned ..	"	19.45	19.50	19.50	20.33	20.33	20.33	20.21	20.21	20.21	20.50	20.50	20.50	20.38	20.38	20.38
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	19.68	24.57	25.29	24.25	28.00	28.00	22.79	27.29	27.29	17.81	17.81	19.59	24.00	24.75	28.50
Onions, brown ..	lb.	3.08	3.08	3.08	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.71	4.00	4.36	9.00	8.30	8.30	3.50	3.75	4.33
Soap ..	"	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.33	10.33	10.33	10.33	10.33	10.33	10.33	10.33	10.33	10.50	10.50	10.50
Kerosene ..	quart	6.03	6.06	6.03	6.38	6.38	6.38	6.66	6.66	6.66	6.80	6.80	6.80	6.50	6.56	6.50
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	26.00	26.00	26.00	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.00	26.00	26.00	26.00	26.00	26.00
Cheese, mild ..	"	17.22	17.28	17.61	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.25	18.00	18.13	18.00	18.33	18.00	18.67	18.67	18.33
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	34.20	34.30	36.50	27.00	27.67	29.33	27.67	28.33	30.00	19.40	24.40	29.20	27.00	27.33	29.00
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	38.10	38.10	38.15	38.67	38.58	38.58	38.42	38.50	38.50	38.40	38.40	38.60	38.63	38.63	38.63
Milk, condensed ..	tin	12.75	12.85	12.85	13.21	13.50	13.50	13.07	13.29	13.29	13.30	13.50	13.50	12.63	13.38	13.50
" fresh ..	quart	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	8.50	8.50	8.50	10.00	10.00	10.00
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	15.50	15.50	17.00	15.29	15.29	16.64	14.57	14.50	16.00	15.60	15.60	16.80	14.83	14.83	16.00
" rib ..	"	13.00	13.00	14.50	13.00	12.86	14.07	13.07	13.07	14.43	13.80	13.80	15.00	12.83	12.83	14.00
" steak, rump ..	"	23.00	23.00	25.00	22.71	23.14	24.57	24.43	24.43	26.43	21.80	21.80	23.30	23.00	23.00	25.00
" chuck ..	"	13.50	13.50	15.00	12.93	12.93	14.50	15.43	15.36	17.00	11.90	11.90	12.00	13.83	13.83	15.17
" sausages ..	"	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	9.60	9.60	9.70	10.00	10.00	10.00
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	15.00	15.00	17.00	15.00	15.00	16.71	15.43	15.36	17.57	14.50	14.50	15.80	15.00	15.00	17.00
" brisket ..	"	11.50	11.50	13.50	12.00	11.86	13.29	13.00	13.00	15.00	11.80	11.80	13.30	11.67	11.67	14.00
Mutton, leg ..	"	12.90	12.90	13.05	12.71	12.71	13.00	13.00	12.93	12.93	12.50	12.50	12.40	13.00	13.00	13.00
" forequarter ..	"	7.40	7.40	7.50	7.36	7.36	7.43	9.00	9.00	9.00	7.60	7.60	7.80	7.83	7.83	7.83
" loin ..	"	11.00	11.00	11.00	10.79	10.79	11.29	13.08	13.08	12.93	10.70	10.70	10.90	11.67	11.67	11.67
" chops, loin ..	"	11.95	11.95	12.05	12.29	12.29	12.00	13.79	13.79	13.71	11.50	11.50	11.70	12.00	12.00	12.00
" leg ..	"	13.00	13.17	13.25	13.07	13.07	13.00	14.07	14.07	14.07	12.20	12.20	12.50	13.67	13.67	13.67
Pork, leg ..	"	27.00	27.33	28.67	20.00	20.00	21.50	24.00	24.00	25.60	20.60	22.00	22.13	24.00	24.00	24.00
" loin ..	"	27.42	27.75	29.17	20.29	20.40	21.50	24.00	24.00	25.60	20.60	22.00	22.13	23.00	23.00	23.00
" chops ..	"	27.83	28.00	29.50	21.33	22.00	22.83	26.60	26.60	28.60	21.60	23.75	23.63	26.00	26.00	26.00
House Rents (a) ..	4 and 5 Rooms	..	246.32	..	..	102.31	..	..	178.69	..	..	181.92	..	..	191.64	..

(a) Revised Series comparable only with averages published since December Quarter, 1936. See also footnote (b), page 90.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED FOR THE YEAR 19: : ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1919.

Article.	Unit.	PERTH.			KALGOORLIE.			NORTHAM.			BUNBURY.			GERALDTON.		
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread ..	2 lb.	7.50	7.50	7.50	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50
Flour, ordinary ..	"	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
" self-raising ..	"	10.45	10.45	10.45	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.88	11.88	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50
Tea ..	lb.	33.00	33.00	33.00	35.00	35.00	35.00	33.50	33.50	33.50	33.25	33.25	33.25	34.00	34.00	34.00
Sugar ..	"	4.50	5.00	5.00	5.50	6.00	6.00	5.00	5.50	5.50	5.08	5.58	5.58	5.00	5.50	5.50
Sago ..	"	9.05	9.10	9.10	10.42	10.33	11.67	10.13	9.88	9.88	10.38	10.38	10.38	9.50	9.50	9.50
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	17.95	18.05	18.80	19.50	19.50	19.86	19.00	19.00	19.38	19.00	19.13	19.25	19.00	19.40	19.50
Golden syrup ..	2 lb.	9.00	9.57	10.00	11.00	11.00	11.25	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.33	10.38	10.63	10.00	10.33	10.50
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	6.00	6.00	6.00	7.13	7.88	8.08	6.88	6.88	6.75	7.67	7.67	7.67	6.00	6.00	6.00
Raisins, seeded ..	"	16.03	16.71	16.71	17.64	17.71	17.71	17.38	17.38	17.38	16.83	16.83	16.83	17.13	17.13	17.25
Currants ..	"	13.50	13.45	13.45	14.42	14.50	14.50	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.20	14.20	14.30
Apricots, dried ..	"	28.50	28.50	28.50	30.00	30.50	30.50	30.00	30.00	30.00	29.50	29.50	29.50	30.00	30.00	30.00
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	21.00	21.28	21.22	23.25	23.33	23.25	22.25	22.25	22.25	22.50	22.50	22.50	22.25	22.25	22.50
Pears, canned ..	"	22.50	22.50	22.50	24.42	24.25	24.33	23.50	23.50	23.63	23.83	23.83	23.88	23.50	23.50	23.67
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	17.50	17.50	17.50	18.40	18.43	18.43	18.25	19.00	19.00	17.50	17.88	17.88	18.30	18.30	18.50
Onions, brown ..	lb.	4.20	3.92	3.70	4.17	4.13	3.79	4.63	4.50	4.25	4.25	4.17	4.00	4.50	4.50	4.00
Soup ..	"	10.00	10.00	10.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	10.67	10.67	10.67	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.67	10.67	10.67
Kerosene ..	quart	7.88	8.11	8.13	10.17	10.25	10.33	8.84	8.90	9.03	9.40	9.52	9.59	9.09	9.44	9.23
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	26.50	26.50	26.50	28.50	28.50	28.50	27.00	27.00	27.00	26.50	26.50	26.50	27.50	27.50	27.50
Cheese, mild ..	"	19.00	19.00	19.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	19.75	19.75	19.75	20.00	20.00	20.00	19.50	19.50	19.50
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	36.00	36.00	36.00	34.29	34.14	34.71	36.00	36.00	36.00	36.00	36.00	36.00	36.00	36.00	36.00
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	34.50	35.50	35.50	35.86	36.71	36.71	35.25	36.25	36.25	34.83	35.67	35.67	35.60	36.50	36.70
Milk, condensed ..	tin	13.50	13.80	13.95	14.50	14.93	15.50	14.00	14.50	14.88	14.13	14.38	14.50	14.40	14.60	15.00
" fresh ..	quart	10.00	11.00	11.00	13.00	14.00	14.00	9.50	10.00	10.00	9.00	9.50	9.50	10.50	12.50	12.50
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	19.00	19.00	19.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00
" rib ..	"	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.86	16.86	16.86	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00
" steak, rump ..	"	25.00	25.00	25.00	26.00	26.00	26.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
" chuck ..	"	16.00	16.00	16.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00
" sausages ..	"	12.86	13.00	12.67	11.14	11.71	12.00	13.00	13.00	13.17	11.80	12.20	12.20	11.83	11.83	12.67
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	17.00	17.00	17.00	18.14	18.14	18.14	17.25	17.25	17.25	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00
" brisket ..	"	14.00	14.00	14.00	15.14	15.14	15.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
Mutton, leg ..	"	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.86	16.86	16.86	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00
" forequarter ..	"	9.00	8.00	8.00	10.00	9.43	9.29	9.25	8.00	8.00	9.00	8.00	8.20	9.00	8.00	8.00
" loin ..	"	15.60	15.60	15.60	16.86	16.86	16.86	15.50	15.50	15.50	16.00	16.00	16.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
" chops, loin ..	"	16.00	16.00	16.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00
" leg ..	"	15.10	15.00	15.00	16.29	16.14	16.14	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
Pork, leg ..	"	31.50	31.50	32.14	27.00	28.00	28.00	23.75	25.75	25.75	24.00	25.00	28.50	24.00	24.00	24.00
" loin ..	"	31.50	31.50	32.14	27.50	28.50	28.50	25.50	25.50	25.75	24.00	28.50	28.50	24.00	24.00	24.00
" chops ..	"	31.50	31.50	32.14	28.00	29.00	29.00	26.25	26.25	26.25	24.00	28.50	28.50	24.00	24.00	24.00
House Rents (a) ..	4 and 5 Rooms	..	241.76	..	..	276.50	..	..	243.31	..	..	254.17	..	..	273.86	..

(a) Revised Series comparable only with averages published since December Quarter, 1936. See also footnote (b), page 90.

**TASMANIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED
FOR THE YEAR 19:9: ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 19:9.**

Article.	Unit.	HOBART.			LAUNCESTON.			BURNIE.			DEVONPORT.			QUEENSTOWN.		
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Groceries, &c.—		<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Bread ..	2 lb.	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
Flour, ordinary ..	"	5.60	5.60	5.60	5.57	5.57	5.57	6.00	6.00	6.00	5.80	5.90	5.90	5.88	5.88	5.88
" self-raising ..	"	9.75	9.75	9.75	9.43	9.43	9.43	9.90	9.90	10.10	10.30	10.30	9.80	11.00	11.00	11.00
Tea ..	lb.	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.13	33.13	33.13
Sugar ..	"	4.50	5.00	5.00	4.50	4.93	5.00	4.50	5.00	5.00	4.55	4.95	5.05	4.75	4.75	5.25
Sago ..	"	9.56	9.56	9.61	10.29	9.79	9.75	9.70	9.60	9.60	10.00	9.80	9.80	10.17	9.75	10.00
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	12.65	12.65	12.65	12.64	12.64	12.64	12.50	12.50	12.50	12.60	12.60	12.60	13.63	13.63	13.63
Golden syrup ..	2 lb.	9.00	9.00	10.00	8.83	8.83	10.00	9.00	9.00	10.00	9.00	9.00	9.88	10.00	10.00	10.75
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	5.42	5.75	6.50	6.04	6.25	6.25	5.25	5.25	5.25	6.67	6.67	6.67	5.25	5.25	5.25
Raisins, seeded ..	"	18.00	18.00	18.00	17.00	17.50	17.50	17.75	18.00	18.00	16.83	16.83	16.83	17.75	17.75	18.13
Currants ..	"	13.70	13.80	13.85	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.80	13.90	13.90	13.70	13.70	13.70	13.88	13.88	13.88
Apricots, dried ..	"	25.50	25.75	26.14	25.63	25.63	25.63	22.60	22.60	22.60	23.50	23.50	23.50	24.50	24.50	24.50
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	19.07	19.06	19.10	19.00	19.40	19.40	18.50	19.50	19.50	18.50	18.50	20.50	19.50	19.50	19.50
Pears, canned ..	"	19.93	20.06	20.00	19.63	20.20	20.25	19.50	19.88	20.00	20.00	20.00	21.00	20.50	20.50	20.50
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	20.53	20.77	25.90	20.82	20.82	26.00	20.16	21.00	25.20	19.16	19.76	23.25	20.01	20.98	31.50
Onions, brown ..	lb.	4.83	5.35	5.30	4.33	5.33	5.71	4.13	5.63	5.30	4.63	6.00	5.50	4.38	5.50	5.13
Soap ..	"	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.33	10.33	10.33
Kerosene ..	quart	9.27	9.41	9.46	8.50	8.71	8.71	8.65	8.80	8.80	9.20	9.54	9.54	9.31	9.52	9.52
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50
Cheese, mild ..	"	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.50	18.50	18.50
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	34.50	34.50	34.50	34.33	34.36	34.64	32.75	32.75	34.25	34.50	34.50	34.50	35.50	35.00	35.00
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	34.60	38.00	38.40	34.29	38.86	38.86	36.00	37.60	39.20	35.00	37.50	39.75	34.88	38.25	40.38
Milk, condensed ..	tin	14.00	14.00	14.00	13.71	14.00	14.00	13.80	14.00	14.00	13.80	14.00	14.00	14.25	14.50	14.50
" fresh ..	quart	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	14.00	14.00	14.00
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	22.00	21.89	22.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	20.38	20.25	20.25	21.00	21.00	21.00	22.00	22.00	22.00
" rib ..	"	20.00	20.00	20.14	19.00	19.00	19.00	18.33	18.67	18.67	18.50	18.50	18.50	20.00	20.00	20.00
" steak, rump ..	"	28.00	28.00	28.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	25.50	25.50	25.50	26.00	26.00	26.00	28.00	28.00	28.00
" chuck ..	"	18.11	18.22	18.22	17.07	17.07	17.07	16.50	16.50	16.50	16.33	16.33	16.33	18.00	18.00	18.00
" sausages ..	"	11.67	11.67	11.67	12.40	12.40	12.40	12.00	12.00	12.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	21.11	21.11	21.11	20.00	20.00	20.00	19.25	19.50	19.50	20.00	20.00	20.00	21.00	21.00	21.00
" brisket ..	"	18.00	18.22	18.11	17.29	17.29	17.29	16.25	16.50	16.50	17.33	17.33	17.33	18.00	18.00	18.00
Mutton, leg ..	"	13.88	13.63	13.88	13.08	13.08	13.08	15.67	15.67	15.67	16.50	16.50	16.50	13.50	13.50	13.50
" forequarter ..	"	7.88	8.25	8.13	6.92	6.92	6.92	9.67	9.67	9.67	12.50	13.00	13.50	7.50	7.50	7.50
" loin ..	"	13.58	13.58	13.58	12.75	12.75	12.75	14.00	14.00	14.00	15.50	15.50	16.00	13.50	13.50	13.50
" chops, loin ..	"	13.88	13.63	13.88	12.92	12.92	12.92	15.67	15.67	15.67	15.50	15.50	16.00	13.50	13.50	13.50
" " leg ..	"	13.88	13.63	13.88	12.92	12.92	12.92	15.67	15.67	15.67	15.50	16.00	16.50	13.50	13.50	13.50
Pork, leg ..	"	30.78	31.22	32.56	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.75	24.00	24.75	22.33	23.00	23.00	27.00	27.00	27.00
" loin ..	"	29.78	30.33	31.78	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.75	24.75	24.75	22.67	23.33	23.33	27.00	27.00	27.00
" chops ..	"	31.00	31.44	33.00	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.75	24.75	24.75	23.33	23.33	23.33	26.00	27.00	27.00
House Rents (a) ..	4 and 5 Rooms	..	253.61	..	..	235.77	..	..	214.51	..	..	195.41	..	..	205.51	..

(a) Revised Series comparable only with averages published since December Quarter, 1936. See also footnote (b), page 90.

Section IX.—Wholesale Price Index-Numbers.
MELBOURNE WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.
(Base of each Group : 1911 = 1,000.)

Period.	Metals and Coal.	Wool, Cotton, Leather, &c.	Agri- cultural Pro- duce, &c.	Dairy Pro- duce.	Gro- ceries.	Meat.	Building Ma- terials.	Chem- icals.	All Groups.
1861..	1,438	1,381	1,583	1,008	1,963	..	1,070	2,030	1,538
1871..	1,096	1,257	1,236	804	1,586	..	1,044	1,409	1,229
1881..	1,178	1,115	1,012	935	1,421	..	1,091	1,587	1,121
1891..	895	847	1,024	995	1,032	888	780	1,194	945
1901..	1,061	774	928	1,029	1,048	1,345	841	917	974
1902..	1,007	756	1,192	1,215	945	1,447	837	881	1,051
1903..	923	834	1,209	1,059	936	1,443	875	921	1,040
1904..	821	885	754	876	916	1,427	845	875	890
1905..	772	850	894	980	942	1,209	800	859	910
1906..	882	978	916	972	923	1,110	896	864	948
1907..	1,037	1,017	973	1,020	948	1,294	968	961	1,021
1908..	1,033	901	1,312	1,198	968	1,335	935	891	1,115
1909..	1,014	907	1,000	1,119	978	1,088	911	815	993
1910..	1,004	1,052	969	1,100	999	1,008	996	898	1,003
1911..	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1912..	1,021	991	1,370	1,206	1,052	1,357	1,057	978	1,170
1913..	1,046	1,070	1,097	1,054	1,024	1,252	1,128	995	1,188
1914..	1,099	1,032	1,207	1,137	1,021	1,507	1,081	1,253	1,149
1915..	1,284	1,017	2,162	1,530	1,133	2,435	1,275	1,528	1,604
1916..	1,695	1,423	1,208	1,485	1,322	2,515	1,491	1,760	1,504
1917..	2,129	2,008	1,157	1,423	1,343	2,403	1,884	2,171	1,662
1918..	2,416	2,360	1,444	1,454	1,422	2,385	2,686	3,225	1,934
1919..	2,121	2,363	1,987	1,651	1,514	2,342	2,852	2,896	2,055
1920..	2,302	2,625	2,460	2,213	1,920	3,279	3,226	2,834	2,483
1921..	2,173	1,361	1,767	2,000	1,977	2,158	2,733	2,303	1,903
1922..	1,941	1,681	1,628	1,648	1,869	1,787	2,005	1,965	1,758
1923..	1,826	2,148	1,778	1,840	1,746	2,579	2,024	1,933	1,944
1924..	1,835	2,418	1,647	1,655	1,721	2,223	1,814	1,806	1,885
1925..	1,851	1,966	1,796	1,636	1,723	2,212	1,711	1,790	1,844
1926..	1,938	1,582	2,001	1,784	1,730	1,931	1,664	1,816	1,832
1927..	1,962	1,650	1,826	1,823	1,724	2,111	1,623	1,866	1,817
1928..	1,912	1,781	1,726	1,751	1,707	2,015	1,744	1,923	1,792
1929..	1,912	1,555	1,703	1,854	1,689	2,245	1,755	1,943	1,803
1930..	1,867	1,127	1,484	1,627	1,666	2,024	1,875	1,982	1,596
1931..	1,826	1,040	1,121	1,398	1,794	1,512	2,025	2,166	1,429
1932..	1,736	998	1,230	1,304	1,766	1,351	2,043	2,127	1,411
1933..	1,713	1,118	1,175	1,194	1,714	1,485	2,061	2,105	1,409
1934..	1,660	1,261	1,288	1,274	1,735	1,540	2,015	2,017	1,471
1935..	1,602	1,217	1,344	1,325	1,729	1,508	1,964	1,996	1,469
1936..	1,566	1,330	1,480	1,351	1,731	1,684	1,969	1,997	1,543
1937..	1,772	1,406	1,604	1,451	1,750	1,678	2,430	2,006	1,656
1938..	1,746	1,051	1,789	1,549	1,747	1,871	2,238	2,059	1,662
1939..	1,758	1,101	1,820	1,557	1,752	1,710	2,220	2,075	1,665
1940..	1,854	1,361	1,567	1,567	1,784	1,882	2,890	2,298	1,713
1941..	1,960	1,402	1,721	1,554	1,883	1,776	3,138	2,527	1,796
1942..	2,146	1,507	1,900	1,665	1,938	2,312	3,409	2,437	1,977
1943..	2,272	1,945	1,964	1,716	1,939	2,366	3,764	2,442	2,117
1944..	2,278	1,967	2,052	1,721	1,949	2,470	3,768	2,442	2,159
1945..	2,270	1,960	2,259	1,726	1,967	2,560	3,770	2,527	2,228
1946..	2,262	2,062	1,951	1,722	1,977	2,589	3,772	2,614	2,162
1947..	2,390	2,690	2,019	1,763	2,174	2,748	3,800	2,843	2,360
1948..	2,829	3,619	2,383	2,104	2,435	2,976	4,631	3,180	2,824
1949..	3,502	3,966	2,876	2,309	2,558	3,356	4,611	3,221	3,191

NOTE.—The index of wholesale prices above was first computed in 1912 and relates chiefly to basic materials and foods weighted in accordance with consumption in the years immediately preceding that date. Neither the component items nor the weighting have been varied. Consequently the index is a measure of changes in wholesale price levels based on usages which have altered substantially since the period on which the weighting was determined. As such it is useful as an indication of long-term trends over the past 88 years which it covers, on the assumption that the relative importance of component items remained constant. But it no longer serves as a measure of price variations from month to month or from year to year of commodities weighted in accordance with present-day consumption. Reference to a description of the index published in the annual *Labour Report* will indicate that animal fodders preponderate in the "Agricultural Produce" group, while "Building Materials" include little besides imported timber. In other groups, some principal items have increased in consumption while others have decreased. A new wholesale price index, covering basic materials and foodstuffs, has therefore been computed, in which the items have been regrouped and reweighted as indicated, and comparative index-numbers back to 1936-37 are published on the next page.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS—BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS.

Following a conference of Statisticians in 1930 an index has been computed from new data on prices and consumption. Both in contents and method of computation it differs from the Melbourne Index of Wholesale Prices published on the previous page. The price quotations have in the main been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants, and, with a few important exceptions, from Melbourne sources. Apart from home-produced building materials, coal and one or two minor commodities, however, the price movements may be taken as representative of fluctuations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets. The weighting system adopted is based on average annual consumption during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base of each Group : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	Basic Materials.							Food-stuffs and Tobacco.	Basic Materials and Foodstuffs.		
	Metals and Coal.	Oils, Fats and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chemicals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Materials.	Total.		Goods principally Imported. (a)	Goods principally Home Produced.	Total—All Groups.
1936-37 ..	962	984	1,185	988	1,106	989	994	974	991	980	984
1937-38 ..	1,013	1,012	1,000	1,001	969	1,041	1,014	997	1,018	1,000	1,005
1938-39 ..	1,025	1,004	815	1,011	925	970	992	1,029	991	1,020	1,011
1942-43 ..	1,288	1,067	1,471	1,422	1,379	1,628	1,487	1,279	1,760	1,212	1,373
1943-44 ..	1,310	1,095	1,501	1,432	1,398	1,743	1,527	1,287	1,823	1,217	1,396
1944-45 ..	1,307	1,075	1,518	1,428	1,398	1,747	1,522	1,308	1,819	1,232	1,405
1945-46 ..	1,302	1,561	1,518	1,416	1,398	1,766	1,490	1,348	1,782	1,257	1,412
1946-47 ..	1,318	1,453	1,913	1,401	1,313	1,802	1,488	1,380	1,768	1,288	1,429
1947-48 ..	1,460	1,607	2,833	1,478	1,261	1,898	1,655	1,532	1,924	1,448	1,588
1948-49 ..	1,849	1,737	3,419	1,594	1,301	1,983	1,884	1,747	2,008	1,727	1,809
1946-47—											
July ..	1,300	1,519	1,523	1,418	1,398	1,783	1,480	1,356	1,766	1,265	1,41
August ..	1,300	1,462	1,530	1,418	1,398	1,783	1,464	1,343	1,745	1,252	1,398
September ..	1,300	1,462	1,803	1,418	1,398	1,783	1,480	1,340	1,743	1,262	1,404
October ..	1,300	1,459	1,874	1,417	1,398	1,783	1,483	1,348	1,757	1,264	1,409
November ..	1,300	1,459	1,954	1,390	1,296	1,787	1,482	1,379	1,787	1,275	1,426
December ..	1,300	1,418	1,945	1,390	1,284	1,788	1,469	1,376	1,755	1,278	1,418
January ..	1,301	1,442	1,973	1,391	1,284	1,795	1,480	1,371	1,750	1,282	1,420
February ..	1,340	1,444	2,022	1,391	1,284	1,796	1,496	1,375	1,749	1,296	1,430
March ..	1,340	1,440	2,026	1,391	1,300	1,803	1,497	1,393	1,746	1,314	1,440
April ..	1,340	1,440	2,072	1,391	1,312	1,841	1,508	1,418	1,797	1,317	1,459
May ..	1,350	1,447	2,094	1,391	1,229	1,841	1,510	1,424	1,804	1,321	1,463
June ..	1,350	1,443	2,135	1,412	1,172	1,843	1,513	1,436	1,817	1,327	1,471
1947-48—											
July ..	1,353	1,519	2,129	1,412	1,149	1,851	1,534	1,438	1,831	1,336	1,482
August ..	1,353	1,536	2,423	1,412	1,149	1,853	1,556	1,439	1,857	1,341	1,493
September ..	1,358	1,573	2,615	1,424	1,216	1,853	1,579	1,452	1,890	1,351	1,509
October ..	1,359	1,573	2,682	1,434	1,216	1,862	1,586	1,484	1,922	1,366	1,529
November ..	1,392	1,573	2,806	1,434	1,296	1,900	1,621	1,514	1,947	1,402	1,562
December ..	1,510	1,632	2,795	1,434	1,294	1,908	1,676	1,537	1,954	1,453	1,601
January ..	1,513	1,616	3,027	1,520	1,307	1,914	1,696	1,567	1,928	1,500	1,626
February ..	1,513	1,616	3,123	1,520	1,315	1,923	1,703	1,590	1,933	1,520	1,641
March ..	1,514	1,654	2,901	1,520	1,266	1,918	1,704	1,590	1,950	1,514	1,642
April ..	1,514	1,659	3,004	1,532	1,265	1,922	1,707	1,591	1,952	1,515	1,644
May ..	1,571	1,659	3,199	1,532	1,319	1,934	1,742	1,590	1,959	1,534	1,659
June ..	1,571	1,659	3,403	1,533	1,345	1,944	1,757	1,591	1,960	1,544	1,667
1948-49—											
July ..	1,651	1,724	3,323	1,533	1,361	1,948	1,800	1,614	2,000	1,573	1,699
August ..	1,651	1,724	3,328	1,537	1,347	1,952	1,801	1,699	2,025	1,629	1,745
September ..	1,697	1,733	3,371	1,538	1,347	1,964	1,823	1,689	2,017	1,639	1,750
October ..	1,697	1,734	3,197	1,593	1,347	1,964	1,818	1,688	2,015	1,636	1,747
November ..	1,876	1,784	3,484	1,592	1,349	1,966	1,895	1,785	2,008	1,724	1,807
December ..	1,876	1,784	3,650	1,595	1,312	1,985	1,907	1,761	2,010	1,751	1,827
January ..	1,936	1,741	3,639	1,623	1,275	1,986	1,929	1,765	2,011	1,769	1,840
February ..	1,936	1,741	3,721	1,623	1,268	1,986	1,934	1,801	2,016	1,797	1,861
March ..	1,965	1,741	3,721	1,623	1,250	2,002	1,945	1,798	2,000	1,809	1,865
April ..	1,966	1,744	3,197	1,623	1,265	2,002	1,917	1,805	2,005	1,795	1,856
May ..	1,966	1,746	3,196	1,623	1,250	2,017	1,920	1,809	2,002	1,801	1,859
June ..	1,966	1,746	3,200	1,623	1,247	2,021	1,922	1,805	1,991	1,803	1,858
1949-50—											
July ..	2,090	1,745	3,313	1,624	1,185	2,021	1,966	1,865	2,057	1,850	1,911
August ..	2,090	1,745	3,385	1,632	1,210	2,053	1,978	1,859	2,066	1,850	1,913
September ..	2,091	1,726	3,327	1,624	1,231	2,079	1,975	1,855	2,040	1,855	1,909
October ..	2,093	1,726	3,665	1,798	1,249	2,080	2,011	1,878	2,086	1,877	1,938
November ..	2,093	1,888	3,864	1,798	1,343	2,081	2,073	1,917	2,171	1,913	1,988
December ..	2,144	1,888	4,239	1,936	1,417	2,081	2,128	1,973	2,208	1,975	2,043

(a) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index. This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally.

PRIMARY PRODUCTION PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

The annual index-numbers in the following table have been recomputed to the base average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000 from the revised series published in *Production Bulletin*, Part II. They are based in general on prices realized in the principal markets of Australia.

The monthly index-numbers (based on the nearest equivalent wholesale quotations) are intended progressively to forecast the point which the annual index-numbers will eventually reach, and so provide a preliminary figure for the latest full year pending the completion of the annual census of production. The preliminary index-numbers will be revised as each production census is completed.

(Base of each Group : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	Agricultural.	Pastoral.	Farmyard and Dairying.	All Farming.	Mining other than Gold.(a)	Gold.(a)	All Groups.
1936-37	1,111	1,104	929	1,073	982	993	1,064
1937-38	993	1,018	1,012	1,009	1,085	996	1,015
1938-39	896	878	1,059	918	933	1,011	922
1942-43	1,185	1,273	1,175	1,225	1,249	1,199	1,225
1943-44	1,331	1,327	1,213	1,307	1,298	1,199	1,303
1944-45	1,636	1,320	1,200	1,407	1,367	1,205	1,399
1945-46	1,582	1,331	1,240	1,401	1,493	1,227	1,404
1946-47	1,808	1,786	1,313	1,705	1,752	1,234	1,697
1947-48	2,393	2,483	1,473	2,264	2,385	1,234	2,245
1948-49(b)	2,570	3,005	1,845	2,637	2,840	1,234	2,589
1948-49—(b)							
October	2,714	2,765	1,810	2,571	3,027	1,234	2,494
November	2,711	3,032	1,810	2,692	3,102	1,234	2,604
December	2,412	3,236	1,853	2,689	3,126	1,234	2,603
January	2,426	3,236	1,849	2,693	3,865	1,234	2,659
February	2,469	3,305	1,911	2,752	3,892	1,234	2,719
March	2,494	3,305	1,910	2,760	3,892	1,234	2,731
April	2,499	2,827	1,920	2,545	3,928	1,234	2,548
May	2,478	2,850	1,921	2,548	3,958	1,234	2,557
June	2,486	2,873	1,917	2,560	4,002	1,234	2,570
1949-50—(b)							
July	2,516	2,868	1,931	2,571	4,002	1,234	2,561
August	2,529	2,933	1,869	2,594	4,028	1,234	2,583
September	2,533	2,888	1,871	2,575	4,029	1,451	2,566
October	2,548	3,191	1,888	2,723	4,066	1,776	2,700
November	2,580	3,373	1,908	2,821	4,119	1,776	2,790
December	2,677	3,677	1,928	2,999	4,145	1,776	2,951

(a) Year ended previous December.

(b) Preliminary figures. (See note at head of table.)

EXPORT PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

These index-numbers are compiled from the prices of 20 commodities which constitute at present about 80 per cent. of all exports. For some metals and for wheat (since July, 1945), the index of prices is deduced from average value of current sales or shipments and hence shows some irregularity.

SIMPLE AGGREGATIVE INDEX: FIXED WEIGHTS.

In this index the prices of the commodities are multiplied by the average annual exports (production in the case of gold) during the three years 1933-34 to 1935-36.

(Base of each Section: Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000).

Period.	Wool.	Wheat.	Butter.	Metals. (a)	Meats. (b)	Sugar.	Dried Fruits. (c)	Tal- low.	Hides. (d)	Gold.	All Groups.	
											Ex- clud- ing Gold.	In- clud- ing Gold.
(e)...	45.63	17.06	11.36	6.83	6.63	2.40	1.81	0.64	0.66	6.98	...	100.00
(f)...	49.05	18.34	12.21	7.34	7.13	2.58	1.94	0.69	0.72	...	100.00	...
1936-37 ..	1,218	1,234	915	1,196	978	1,035	1,026	1,217	1,129	988	1,156	1,144
1937-38 ..	989	1,110	1,074	962	1,066	925	1,034	1,002	999	982	1,025	1,022
1938-39 ..	793	656	1,011	842	956	1,040	940	781	872	1,030	819	834
1942-43 ..	1,165	1,055	1,140	1,004	1,122	1,519	1,116	1,192	1,447	1,188	1,137	1,141
1943-44 ..	1,165	1,155	1,140	1,127	1,132	1,585	1,207	1,231	1,514	1,188	1,170	1,171
1944-45 ..	1,165	1,536	1,474	1,286	1,218	1,715	1,282	1,447	1,474	1,204	1,304	1,297
1945-46 ..	1,165	2,130	1,474	1,956	1,294	2,130	1,375	1,519	1,518	1,223	1,477	1,459
1946-47 ..	g1,734	3,046	1,734	3,076	1,393	2,644	1,523	3,038	3,344	1,223	g2,087	g2,027
1947-48 ..	g2,872	4,195	1,935	3,723	1,464	3,203	1,566	3,607	3,643	1,223	g2,955	g2,834
1948-49 ..	g3,649	4,134	2,330	4,781	1,706	3,426	1,619	4,078	4,206	1,223	g3,481	g3,324
1947-48—	(g)										(g)	(g)
January ..	3,130	4,274	2,035	3,685	1,446	3,402	1,569	3,797	3,678	1,223	3,112	2,980
February ..	3,281	4,461	2,035	3,621	1,446	3,402	1,569	3,797	4,043	1,223	3,217	3,079
March ..	3,017	4,558	2,035	3,789	1,446	3,402	1,557	3,797	3,873	1,223	3,117	2,985
April ..	3,130	4,597	2,035	4,021	1,446	3,402	1,557	3,797	3,834	1,223	3,197	3,059
May ..	3,319	4,719	2,035	4,055	1,554	3,402	1,557	3,797	3,652	1,223	3,319	3,174
June ..	3,620	4,748	2,035	4,246	1,554	3,402	1,572	3,797	3,652	1,223	3,488	3,329
1948-49—												
July ..	g3,507	4,746	2,330	4,388	1,554	3,402	1,572	3,797	3,391	1,223	g3,476	g3,319
August ..	g3,507	4,621	2,330	4,427	1,554	3,402	1,572	3,797	3,365	1,223	g3,455	g3,300
September ..	3,545	4,493	2,330	4,380	1,554	3,402	1,572	3,797	3,417	1,223	3,448	3,293
October ..	3,281	4,429	2,330	4,728	1,757	3,402	1,572	4,172	3,847	1,223	3,352	3,204
November ..	3,658	4,382	2,330	4,687	1,757	3,402	1,572	4,172	4,186	1,223	3,529	3,368
December ..	3,997	4,184	2,330	4,805	1,757	3,402	1,572	4,172	4,199	1,223	3,667	3,497
January ..	3,997	3,967	2,330	5,508	1,757	3,450	1,572	4,172	4,421	1,223	3,682	3,511
February ..	4,111	3,827	2,330	5,513	1,757	3,450	1,572	4,172	4,711	1,223	3,705	3,532
March ..	4,111	3,794	2,330	5,347	1,757	3,450	1,707	4,172	4,682	1,223	3,699	3,525
April ..	3,319	3,802	2,330	4,580	1,757	3,450	1,707	4,172	4,822	1,223	3,253	3,111
May ..	3,356	3,711	2,330	4,524	1,757	3,450	1,716	4,172	4,812	1,223	3,254	3,112
June ..	3,394	3,650	2,330	4,486	1,757	3,450	1,716	4,172	4,617	1,223	3,257	3,115
1949-50—												
July ..	3,394	3,619	2,504	3,298	1,862	3,450	1,716	4,172	4,428	1,223	3,191	3,055
August ..	3,470	3,674	2,504	3,696	1,862	3,450	1,716	4,172	4,460	1,223	3,268	3,126
September ..	3,394	3,767	2,504	3,883	1,862	3,450	1,716	4,172	4,512	1,438	3,262	3,135
October ..	3,922	3,779	2,504	4,538	2,004	3,450	1,716	3,049	4,656	1,761	3,574	3,449
November ..	4,186	3,819	2,504	4,406	2,004	3,450	1,716	3,049	4,819	1,761	3,703	3,568
December ..	4,563	3,943	2,504	4,265	2,004	3,450	1,716	3,049	4,985	1,761	3,901	3,753

(a) Non-ferrous—Silver, copper, tin, spelter, lead.

(b) Beef, lamb, mutton, pork.

(c) Sultanas, lexiass, currants. (d) Cattle hides, calf skins.

(e) Percentage distribution of

base aggregate for "All Groups (including Gold)"—applicable from 1936-37. (f) Percentage

distribution of base aggregate for "All Groups (excluding Gold)"—applicable from 1936-37.

(g) Revised.

NOTE.—While the index-numbers above indicate satisfactorily the general trend of the market, they take no account of the relative quantities actually sold at the different prices ruling in each month and consequently do not give an adequate indication of the significance of the price movements as they actually affected current sales. This is shown more accurately by the Export Price Index (Changing Base), published in the *Monthly Review of Business Statistics* and in the computation of which the "quantity-multipliers" are changed each month.

Section X.—Miscellaneous.

COMPARATIVE INDEX-NUMBERS FOR THE SIX CAPITAL CITIES COMBINED.

(Base of each Section : Weighted Average of Six Capitals, 1911 = 1,000.)(a)

Period.	Retail Price Index-numbers.						Nominal Wages, Adult Males.	Real Wages. (c)	Percentage of Unemployment among Trade Unionists.
	Food and Groceries.	Housing (4 and 5 Roomed Houses). (b)	Food, Groceries and Housing (4 and 5 Roomed Houses). "B" Series.	Clothing.	Miscellaneous.	All Items of Household Expenditure. "C" Series.			
Year—									%
1911	1,000	1,000	1,000	(d)1,000	(d)1,000	(d)1,000	1,000	1,000	4.7
1914	1,144	1,082	1,121	1,140	1,140	1,140	1,081	948	8.3
1921	1,902	1,410	1,717	1,883	1,537	1,680	1,826	1,087	11.2
1928	1,761	1,743	1,755	1,507	1,537	1,675	1,963	1,172	10.8
1932	1,425	1,336	1,390	1,215	1,458	1,377	1,639	1,190	29.0
1938	1,584	1,540	1,568	1,253	1,463	1,488	1,799	1,209	8.7
1939	1,657	1,577	1,626	1,271	1,465	1,526	1,846	1,211	9.7
1942	1,843	1,596	1,742	1,977	1,693	1,809	2,164	1,196	1.6
1943	1,855	1,595	1,749	2,177	1,766	1,876	2,309	1,231	1.1
1944	1,834	1,595	1,737	2,168	1,773	1,867	2,326	1,246	1.2
1945	1,849	1,595	1,746	2,155	1,767	1,868	2,339	1,252	1.2
1946	1,852	1,596	1,748	2,276	1,776	1,900	2,400	1,263	1.4
1947	1,967	1,597	1,816	2,367	1,825	1,971	2,598	1,318	1.2
1948	2,245	1,601	1,982	2,637	1,913	2,148	2,914	1,357	0.9
1949	2,429	1,605	2,128	3,019	2,037	2,349	3,210	1,367	2.0
Quarter—									
1939.									
March	1,673	1,568	1,631	1,258	1,461	1,524	1,826	1,198	9.6
June	1,654	1,575	1,623	1,264	1,461	1,522	1,847	1,214	9.5
September ..	1,645	1,582	1,620	1,264	1,463	1,520	1,854	1,220	10.2
December ..	1,657	1,584	1,628	1,297	1,472	1,536	1,858	1,210	9.3
1943.									
March	1,860	1,595	1,752	2,130	1,749	1,863	2,283	1,225	1.2
June	1,891	1,595	1,771	2,216	1,763	1,897	2,292	1,208	1.1
September ..	1,853	1,594	1,748	2,192	1,773	1,880	2,331	1,240	1.1
December ..	1,815	1,595	1,726	2,171	1,778	1,864	2,329	1,249	1.1
1944.									
March	1,824	1,595	1,731	2,167	1,775	1,864	2,322	1,246	1.0
June	1,834	1,595	1,737	2,160	1,773	1,865	2,322	1,245	1.4
September ..	1,852	1,595	1,748	2,166	1,772	1,873	2,327	1,242	1.2
December ..	1,827	1,595	1,733	2,180	1,770	1,867	2,332	1,249	1.2
1945.									
March	1,838	1,595	1,739	2,149	1,767	1,863	2,333	1,252	1.1
June	1,854	1,595	1,749	2,141	1,767	1,866	2,336	1,252	1.1
September ..	1,860	1,595	1,752	2,140	1,767	1,868	2,340	1,253	1.2
December ..	1,842	1,595	1,742	2,189	1,767	1,874	2,348	1,253	1.2
1946.									
March	1,853	1,595	1,748	2,201	1,772	1,881	2,354	1,251	1.4
June	1,863	1,595	1,754	2,259	1,776	1,900	2,360	1,242	1.3
September ..	1,839	1,596	1,741	2,299	1,776	1,902	2,378	1,250	1.4
December ..	1,854	1,596	1,750	2,343	1,781	1,918	2,507	1,307	1.4
1947.									
March	1,915	1,596	1,785	2,305	1,798	1,933	2,527	1,307	1.4
June	1,945	1,597	1,803	2,319	1,802	1,948	2,545	1,306	1.2
September ..	1,974	1,597	1,820	2,367	1,846	1,978	2,630	1,330	1.1
December ..	2,035	1,598	1,857	2,478	1,853	2,026	2,690	1,328	0.9
1948.									
March	2,128	1,599	1,912	2,511	1,874	2,071	2,781	1,343	0.9
June	2,197	1,600	1,953	2,600	1,900	2,121	2,854	1,346	0.9
September ..	2,278	1,601	2,001	2,688	1,935	2,175	2,970	1,366	0.9
December ..	2,378	1,602	2,060	2,748	1,944	2,225	3,050	1,371	0.8
1949.									
March	2,433	1,603	2,093	2,795	1,985	2,263	3,099	1,369	0.8
June	2,482	1,604	2,122	2,968	2,017	2,328	3,182	1,367	0.8
September ..	2,497	1,606	2,131	3,089	2,047	2,370	3,249	1,371	5.5
December ..	2,555	1,608	2,167	3,223	2,098	2,433	3,310	1,360	0.8

(a) The index-numbers given in the separate columns of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show, for example, the relative cost of housing and food and groceries, since the cost in 1911 in each group or combination of groups is made equal to 1,000. (b) See footnote (b) on page 90. (c) Index of nominal weekly wage rates divided by "C" Series Retail Price Index-number. (d) Taken back from true base November, 1914 = 1,000) by means of the Food and Rent (All Houses) Index.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY—AUSTRALIA.

Heading.	Years.							
	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921.	1931.	1941.	1948.
	1881-82.	1891-92.	1901-02.	1911-12.	1921-22.	1931-32.	1941-42.	1948-49.(b)
POPULATION (a)—Males ..	1,247,059	1,736,617	2,004,836	2,382,232	2,799,462	3,332,577	3,598,767	3,910,051
Females ..	1,059,677	1,504,368	1,820,077	2,191,554	2,711,532	3,220,029	3,544,768	3,884,829
Total ..	2,306,736	3,240,985	3,824,913	4,573,786	5,510,994	6,552,606	7,143,535	7,794,880
BIRTHS—Number ..	80,004	110,187	102,945	122,193	136,198	118,509	134,525	177,976
Rate ..	35.26	34.47	27.16	27.21	24.95	18.16	18.92	23.08
DEATHS—Number ..	33,327	47,430	46,330	47,869	54,076	56,560	71,176	76,839
Rate ..	14.69	14.84	12.22	10.66	9.91	8.67	10.01	9.96
MARRIAGES—Number ..	17,244	23,862	27,753	39,482	46,869	38,882	75,148	74,902
Rate ..	7.60	7.47	7.32	8.79	8.59	5.96	10.57	9.71
AGRICULTURE—								
Wheat—Area '000 acres	2,996	3,335	5,116	7,428	9,719	14,741	12,003	12,583
Yield '000 bus.	21,444	25,675	38,562	71,636	129,089	190,612	166,713	190,703
Average yield bus.	7.16	7.70	7.54	9.64	13.28	12.93	13.89	15.15
Oats—Area '000 acres	195	246	461	617	733	1,085	1,460	1,770
Yield '000 bus.	4,796	5,726	9,790	9,562	12,147	15,195	22,302	23,602
Average yield bus.	24.62	23.27	21.22	15.50	16.56	14.00	15.27	13.34
Barley—Area '000 acres	75,864	68,068	74,511	116,466	298,910	342,396	784,253	1,011,768
Yield '000 bus.	1,353	1,179	1,520	2,057	6,086	6,291	15,004	17,785
Average yield bus.	17.84	17.31	20.40	17.66	20.36	18.37	22.96	17.58
Maize—Area '000 acres	165,777	284,428	294,849	340,065	305,186	269,448	301,360	182,290
Yield '000 bus.	5,726	9,262	7,035	8,940	7,840	7,062	7,436	5,199
Average yield bus.	34.54	32.56	23.86	26.29	25.69	26.21	24.67	28.52
Hay—Area '000 acres	768	942	1,688	2,518	2,995	2,635	2,758	1,580
Yield '000 tons	767	1,067	2,025	2,868	3,902	3,167	3,575	2,291
Average yield tons	1.00	1.13	1.20	1.14	1.30	1.20	1.30	1.45
Potatoes—Area '000 acres	(e) 76,265	112,884	109,685	130,463	149,144	145,111	99,324	119,648
Yield '000 tons	(e) 243,216	380,477	322,524	301,489	388,091	397,102	332,727	450,000
Average yield tons	(e) 3.19	3.37	2.94	2.31	2.60	2.74	3.35	3.76
Sugar-cane—Area (d) acres	19,708	45,444	86,950	101,010	128,350	241,576	254,564	266,330
Yield '000 tons	350	738	1,368	1,682	2,437	4,213	5,154	6,708
Av. yield tons	17.74	16.23	15.73	16.65	18.99	17.44	20.25	25.19
Vineyards—Area '000 acres	14,569	48,882	63,677	60,602	92,414	112,961	129,739	135,248
Wine '000 gal.	1,438	3,438	5,262	4,975	8,543	14,191	16,045	34,361
Total net value of all agricultural production £'000	(e) 15,519	(e) 16,988	(e) 23,835	(e) 23,774	(e) 81,890	49,714	62,412	(k) 205,247
PASTORAL, DAIRYING, ETC.—								
Live-stock—Horses '000	1,088	1,585	1,620	2,278	2,438	1,776	1,611	1,115
Cattle ..	8,011	11,112	8,491	11,829	14,441	12,261	13,561	14,124
Sheep ..	65,093	106,421	72,040	96,886	86,119	110,619	125,189	108,735
Pigs ..	703	846	931	1,111	960	1,168	1,477	1,196
Wool production(f) '000 lb.	319,649	634,046	539,395	798,391	723,059	1,077,456	1,167,158	1,031,000
Butter ..	(g)	(h) 42,315	(h) 103,747	(h) 212,074	(h) 267,071	391,249	375,494	371,132
Cheese ..	(g)	(h) 10,131	(h) 11,845	(h) 15,887	(h) 32,653	31,423	67,520	97,032
Meat(i)—								
Beef and Veal tons								
Mutton and lamb ..	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	{ 339,495	349,835	533,502	572,355
Pork ..					{ 128,381	307,277	371,726	311,115
Bacon and Ham ..	(g)	(h) 7,487	(h) 15,188	(h) 23,810	{ 11,060	22,746	58,086	34,275
Total ..	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	{ 26,173	31,751	42,464	39,444
Total net value of—					{ 608,196	727,484	1,027,010	971,389
Pastoral production £'000								
Dairying production ..	{ e29,538	(e) 39,256	(e) 36,890	(e) 72,883	(e) 119,399	{ 43,025	85,358	(k) 193,048
						22,564	34,344	(k) 60,540
MINERAL PRODUCTION—								
Gold .. £'000	5,194	5,282	14,018	10,552	4,019	3,564	15,991	9,587
Silver and lead ..	46	3,736	2,249	3,022	1,540	1,444	6,256	21,086
Copper ..	714	367	2,215	2,564	804	568	1,505	1,744
Tin ..	1,146	561	448	1,210	418	216	1,001	1,000
Zinc ..	3	3	4	1,415	283	513	1,590	5,770
Coal (Black and Brown) ..	638	1,912	2,603	3,927	11,015	6,194	11,264	19,998
Total value of all mineral production .. £'000	7,820	12,074	21,817	23,303	20,029	13,191	41,890	64,404
FORESTRY PRODUCTION—								
Quantity of local timber								
sawn or hewn—								
'000 sup. ft.	(g)	(g)	452,181	604,794	590,495	236,707	913,675	1,117,313
FACTORIES—								
Number of factories ..								
Hands employed ..								
Wages paid .. £'000	(j)	(j)	(j)	{ 14,455	18,023	21,657	26,971	37,356
Value of production ..				{ 311,710	378,540	336,658	725,342	848,876
Total value of output ..				{ 27,528	68,051	55,932	180,052	285,765
				{ 51,259	121,674	110,982	316,439	489,297
				{ 133,022	320,332	281,646	773,059	1,210,119

(a) At 31st December. (b) Subject to revision. (c) Partly estimated. (d) Productive cane.
(e) Gross value. (f) In terms of greasy. (g) Not available. (h) Years ended December. (i) Bone-in.
Weight—in terms of fresh meat; bacon and ham—cured weight. (j) Owing to variation in classification effective
comparison is impossible. (k) 1947-48.

Statistical Summary—Australia—continued.

Heading.	Years.							
	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921-22.	1931-32.	1941-42.	1948-49.
SHIPPING—								
Oversea vessels entered and cleared .. No. '000 tons	3,284 2,549	3,778 4,726	4,028 6,542	4,174 9,985	3,111 9,081	3,057 11,396	2,544 10,768	3,478 14,866
COMMERCE—								
Imports—Oversea								
£'000 f.o.b.	26,480	34,355	38,657	61,008	93,893	51,789	173,593	415,194
Per head .. £	11/13/5	10/15/0	10/4/0	13/11/7	17/0/9	7/18/1	24/6/0	53/4/9
Exports—Oversea								
£'000 f.o.b.	27,528	36,043	49,696	79,482	127,847	108,404	168,977	542,673
Per head .. £	12/2/7	11/5/6	13/2/2	17/13/11	23/4/0	16/10/11	23/13/1	69/11/8
Total—Oversea trade								
£'000 f.o.b.	54,008	70,398	88,353	140,490	221,740	160,193	342,570	957,867
Per head .. £	23/16/0	22/0/6	23/6/2	31/5/6	40/4/9	24/9/0	47/19/1	122/16/5
Net Customs and Excise duties .. £'000	4,809	7,441	8,657	13,515	27,565	28,525	55,551	126,197
Per head .. £	2/2/5	2/6/7	2/5/8	2/19/2	5/0/1	4/7/1	7/15/6	16/3/8
PRINCIPAL OVERSEA EXPORTS								
(a)—								
Wool—Quantity (b) '000 lb.	328,369	619,260	518,018	720,365	927,834	893,644	937,376	1,320,377
Value .. £'000 f.o.b.	13,173	19,940	15,237	26,071	47,977	32,102	58,041	231,396
Wheat—Quantity '000 bus.	5,365	9,795	20,260	55,148	99,947	127,401	22,313	82,762
Value .. £'000 f.o.b.	1,190	1,939	2,775	9,642	28,644	19,220	4,645	66,767
Flour—Quantity								
'000 short tons	50	33	97	176	360	611	414	853
Value .. £'000 f.o.b.	520	328	590	1,392	5,520	3,833	4,191	35,087
Butter—Quantity '000 lb.	1,299	4,240	34,607	101,722	127,347	201,639	130,347	183,566
Value .. £'000 f.o.b.	39	207	1,451	4,637	7,968	10,250	8,125	23,811
Hides and skins ..	317	874	1,251	3,227	3,137	2,316	5,982	12,208
Tallow, inedible ..	644	571	678	1,936	1,442	831	842	965
Meats ..	363	461	2,611	4,303	5,542	6,370	14,094	29,723
Timber (undressed) ..	118	38	731	1,024	1,158	433	320	1,735
Gold ..	6,445	5,704	14,316	12,046	3,483	11,893	9,188	4
Silver and lead ..	58	1,932	2,250	3,213	2,697	2,902	7,434	21,351
Copper ..	677	418	1,619	2,346	705	472	18	150
Coal ..	361	646	987	901	1,100	342	259	97
GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS—								
Length of line open .. miles	3,832	9,541	12,579	16,078	23,502	26,959	27,241	27,068
Capital cost .. £'000	42,741	99,764	123,224	152,195	244,353	321,972	322,152 (g)	344,630
Gross revenue ..	3,910	8,654	11,038	17,848	38,195	37,580	66,482	85,651
Working expenses ..	2,142	5,630	7,134	10,946	29,818	28,142	51,043	84,888
Per cent. of working expenses on gross revenue .. %	54.77	65.06	64.63	61.33	78.07	74.88	76.78	99.11
POSTAL—								
Letters and post-cards dealt with .. '000	67,640	157,297	220,853	453,063	561,973	731,135	921,901	g1,036,835
.. per head No.	29.61	49.07	58.26	100.90	102.01	111.62	129.17 (g)	135.71
Newspapers dealt with '000	38,063	85,280	102,727	141,638	140,477	139,502	177,974 (g)	228,957
.. per head No.	16.66	26.61	27.10	31.54	25.50	21.30	24.94 (g)	29.97
CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS(c)—								
Note circulation .. £'000	3,979	4,417	3,399	3,718	(d) 214	197	167	158
Coin and bullion held ..	9,108	16,713	19,781	33,471	21,627	1,949	1,533	2,954
Advances ..	57,733	129,742	86,353	108,579	193,436	227,139	269,944	377,544
Deposits ..	53,849	98,345	91,487	143,447	(e) 273,867	276,114	386,502	824,172
SAVINGS BANKS (f)—								
Total deposits .. £'000	7,854	15,537	30,883	59,394	154,396	197,966	274,275	714,219
Average per head of population .. £	3/10/5	4/18/7	8/3/0	13/8/5	28/0/4	30/1/11	38/3/11	91/12/7
					1921.	1931.	1941.	1947.
STATE SCHOOLS—								
Schools .. No.	4,494	6,231	7,012	8,060	9,445	10,097	9,535	8,191
Teachers ..	9,028	12,564	14,500	16,971	26,120	33,762	32,066	32,820
Enrolment ..	432,320	561,153	638,478	638,850	819,042	936,901	886,655	905,739
Average attendance ..	255,143	350,773	450,246	643,799	666,498	817,262	732,116	754,799

(a) Australian produce except gold, which includes re-exports. (b) In terms of greasy. (c) Figures for first three years are average for the December quarter, the remainder for the June quarter. All cheque-paying banks prior to 1931-32, nine trading banks only thereafter. (d) Decrease due to prohibition of re-issue. (e) Includes Commonwealth Savings Bank deposits. (f) First three years at 31st December; remainder 30th June. (g) 1947-48.

